



# Faculty Senate Bulletin

**February 2019**

*The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education. – Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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## Spring Meeting with Senate Liaisons



The Spring meeting of the full senate (faculty senators and department/school liaisons) will take place **Wednesday, February 20, 4:00 – 5:00 pm** in the Reed Parr Room (JCK 1100).

## Faculty Senate Fellow

The position of [Faculty Senate Fellow](#) offers a professional development opportunity for faculty members by providing shared governance and leadership experience at Texas State. Working on a special project with the Faculty Senate and attending meetings with the President and others, the Faculty Senate Fellow will become familiar with the routine and special concerns of the Senate and gain insight into the shared governance process at Texas State University. This year, the Fellow's research project should support **broadening participation in decision-making in the university**. The Senate is interested in ways to include more voices in the formulation of policies, hiring and in the governing of the institution.

For more information, see the senate's [Faculty Senate Fellow](#) webpage. Applications are due to [faculty senate@txstate.edu](mailto:faculty senate@txstate.edu) **Thursday, March 28, 2019**, by 5:00 pm.

## Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Awards



The Faculty Senate, in conjunction with the Nontenure Line Faculty Committee, is pleased to call for applications for the Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Awards. These annual awards have been established to recognize the excellent teaching conducted by our part-time faculty, which contributes greatly to the culture of scholarship and learning at Texas State University. All faculty members teaching 75% or less FTE in the preceding calendar year are eligible for these awards. One award, consisting of a certificate signed by the college dean and a salary stipend of \$1,000, may be given per academic college.

For more information, see the senate's [Part-Time Teaching Award](#) webpage. Applications are due to **Friday, March 15, 2019**, by 5:00 pm.

## Committee Preference Survey



This month, the Faculty Senate will conduct a survey to determine faculty members' preferences for committee service. You will receive a Qualtrics link in your email with a link to the survey. We estimate that it will take about ten minutes for faculty to review the committees and indicate three ranked preferences. The survey will close **Friday, March 15, 2019**. The Faculty Senate encourages all faculty members to participate in shared governance by volunteering for university level committee service.

## Diversity Presentations



### **Diversity & Inclusion of Nontenure Line Faculty in the Campus Community**

**Monday, February 18, 2:30 – 4:00 pm**, Jones Dining Center in the Faculty & Staff Dining Room

Join NLF Committee members and faculty from the campus community for lunch and conversation addressing diversity and inclusion at Texas State University. Light snacks will be served. Please [register](#) if you plan to attend.

Presenters will be Dr. Stella Silva, Equity and Inclusion Specialist, Equity and Inclusion and Dr. Scott Bowman, Special Assistant to the Provost for Inclusion and Diversity.

### Strengthening Community through Faculty Diversity

**Friday, February 22, 1:00 – 3:00 pm**, Jones Dining Center in the Faculty & Staff Dining Room.

The Senate is hosting a session for faculty across campus to discuss and compare existing Texas State with suggested [practices](#) from around the country. We hope to encourage campus wide discussion about this important issue.

Presenter will be Dr. Araceli Ortiz, Executive Director, LBJ Institute for STEM Education & Research.

## 2019 Social Justice Film and Speaker Series

The College of Education, in partnership with The Center for the Study of the Southwest, The Office of Equity & Inclusion and The Office of Student Diversity & Inclusion present the 2019 Social Justice Film and Speaker series, **Monday, February 18: 5:00 – 9:30 pm**, Performing Arts Center Recital Hall.

Two films will be screened: **Traffic Stop** and **Say Her Name**. The first, *Traffic Stop*, chronicles the violent arrest of Texas State alumnus and teacher, Breiaion King and provides context about her as well as issues around race and law enforcement. The other film, *Say Her Name*, explores the death of Sandra Bland after her arrest and while still in custody of law enforcement. The films will be followed by a panel discussion that will include the filmmakers, Breiaion King, and members of Sandra Bland's family. The panel discussions will focus on issues of race, law enforcement, and what we can learn from these tragic events that occur frequently across the country.

For more information, contact Dr. Jesse Gainer, [jg51@txstate.edu](mailto:jg51@txstate.edu) or Dr. Sherri Benn, [sbl7@txstate.edu](mailto:sbl7@txstate.edu).

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## 2019 SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM & SPEAKER SERIES

FEBRUARY 18, 2019 | 5:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL

This event focuses on social injustices that have occurred in Texas relating to state violence perpetrated against African American women. Screenings of two films will be followed by panel discussions with the filmmakers and people whose stories are told in each documentary.

For more information, contact  
Dr. Jesse Gainer [jg51@txstate.edu](mailto:jg51@txstate.edu)  
Dr. Sherri Benn [sbl7@txstate.edu](mailto:sbl7@txstate.edu)

This event is open to the public.  
Texas State is committed to an inclusive campus.  
If you require accommodations due to a disability in order to participate,  
please contact 512.245.3704 at least 12 hours in advance of the event.

### TRAFFIC STOP

This film tells the story of Breiaion King, a young African American school teacher from Austin, Texas who is stopped for a seemingly routine traffic violation with a disparate justice. Caught on police dashcam, King is pulled from her car by the arresting officer, thrown to the ground, and handcuffed. Despite police dashcam footage as an alibi, the brunt of her life, creating a stark tale of a young mother who stands up to power and racism.

"MEMORABLE AS EVERY OTHER SLICE OF THE BRACED-CITY RIGHTS STRUGGLE OF OUR DAY."  
THE NEW YORKER POST

### SAY HER NAME

Keep Her Story in the Front Matter  
WOMEN OF THE WOMEN'S POLICE CAUSE

This film explores the death of a 28-year-old black woman found hanging in her Texas jail cell, three days after being arrested for a traffic violation. Authorities ruled Sandra's death a suicide, but dashcam footage fueled allegations of murder. Say Her Name takes viewers deep inside a story that comes to produce the nation.

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SALLY HEN

## University Lecturers Series



### My Barbarian

My Barbarian's *Double Agency* is a hybrid of theater, art, and video. Originally commissioned by the [Los Angeles County Museum of Art](#) as an online video series and one-time performance event, the project used tropes from TV shows like *Mission: Impossible* to explore questions of cultural appropriation and boundaries between artistic fields—connecting esoteric performance art to its popular opposites, television and the internet. At this Cold War-like moment when ideological tensions between world powers intensifies without military action, My Barbarian returns to its project about spies by re-imagining *Double Agency* for the first time as an exhibition. In the white cube space of the Texas State Galleries, an installation of forged masks from the LACMA collection becomes the site for a new live performance. Documentation from this performance as well as new footage filmed on Texas State campus in collaboration with Texas State actors, is edited into the next episode of the *Double Agency* series, to premiere at the end of the exhibition's run on **Wednesday, February 20 at 6:00 pm**.

For more information, contact [Dr. Margo Handwerker](#), Director, Texas State Galleries.



### Forensic Anthropology Conference

The Forensic Anthropology Conference will be held in the LBJ Teaching Theater **Saturday, March 2, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm** with a break for lunch. Admission is Free.

Speakers will be:

Dr. Susan Anton is a professor and Chair in the Department of Anthropology at New York University and also is the Director of the MA program in Human Skeletal Biology. She is also Past-President of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists (AAPA).

Dr. Christine Pink is a professor at Metropolitan State University Denver beginning in 2015. She has formerly worked at the Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) in Hawaii.

Dr. Laurie Reitsema is a biological anthropology professor at the University of Georgia. She is also the current Director of the Bioarchaeology and Biochemistry Laboratory at the University of Georgia.

Dr. Ginesse Listi is an assistant professor at Louisiana State University and the Director of the LSU Forensic Anthropology and Computer Enhancement Services (FACES) Laboratory. She is also a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Anthropology (D-ABFA).

For more information, contact Dr. Nicholas Hermann, [nph16@txstate.edu](mailto:nph16@txstate.edu).

## Contact Us!

Do you have a question, concern or issue you want the Faculty Senate to address? Want to make a suggestion? [Contact the senate via our website.](#)

More information about these and other topics can be found in the Faculty Senate minutes posted on the [Faculty Senate website](#), or by contacting your Faculty Senator (email links below) or [Senate Liaison](#). The Faculty Senate encourages you to voice your concerns and comments on any faculty and shared governance topics to these representatives or directly to the senate.

## 60th Faculty Senate



Front Row: [Jesse Gainer](#), Education; [Janet Bezner](#), Health Professions, **Vice Chair**; [Rebecca Bell-Metereau](#), Liberal Arts; [Ting Liu](#), Education; [Augustine Agwuele](#), Liberal Arts; [Michel Conroy](#), Fine Arts and Communication; [Lynn Ledbetter](#), Fine Arts and Communication

Back Row: [Michael Supancic](#), Applied Arts; [Benjamin Martin](#), Science and Engineering; [Rachel Davenport](#), Science and Engineering; [David Nolan](#), Fine Arts and Communication; [Diego Vacaflores](#), Business

*Administration; [Natalie Ceballos](#), Liberal Arts, **Secretary;** [Alexander White](#), Science and Engineering,  
**Chair;** [Vince Luizzi](#), Liberal Arts*