



Faculty Senate Bulletin

October 2019

Many people, especially ignorant people, want to punish you for speaking the truth, for being correct, for being you. Never apologize for being correct, or for being years ahead of your time. If you're right and you know it, speak your mind. Speak your mind. Even if you are a minority of one, the truth is still the truth. – Mahatma Gandhi



This month:

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- **Fall Meeting of the Full Senate**
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Research Enhancement Program

All full-time Texas State faculty members with full-time, continuing nine-month academic appointments are encouraged to apply for [Research Enhancement Program](#) grants. Tenured, tenure-track, and clinical/practice faculty who hold the rank of assistant professor, associate professor or professor may apply as principal investigators (PIs) or co-investigators (CIs). Nontenure line senior lecturers may apply as co-investigators with eligible PIs. This is an internally-funded competition; individuals are eligible to apply for a maximum of \$8,000; two or more eligible faculty working together on one project may request a maximum of \$16,000. Final recommendations for funding of Research Enhancement Grants are made by the [University Research Enhancement Committee](#) through the Faculty Senate. Applications are due **by 5 pm Wednesday, October 9**. Apply via the [Texas State Internal Proposal Online Submission](#) page.



Fall Meeting of the Full Senate

The Fall meeting of the full senate (faculty senators and department/school liaisons) will take place **Wednesday, October 23, 4:00 -5:00 pm** in the Reed Parr Room (JCK 1100).

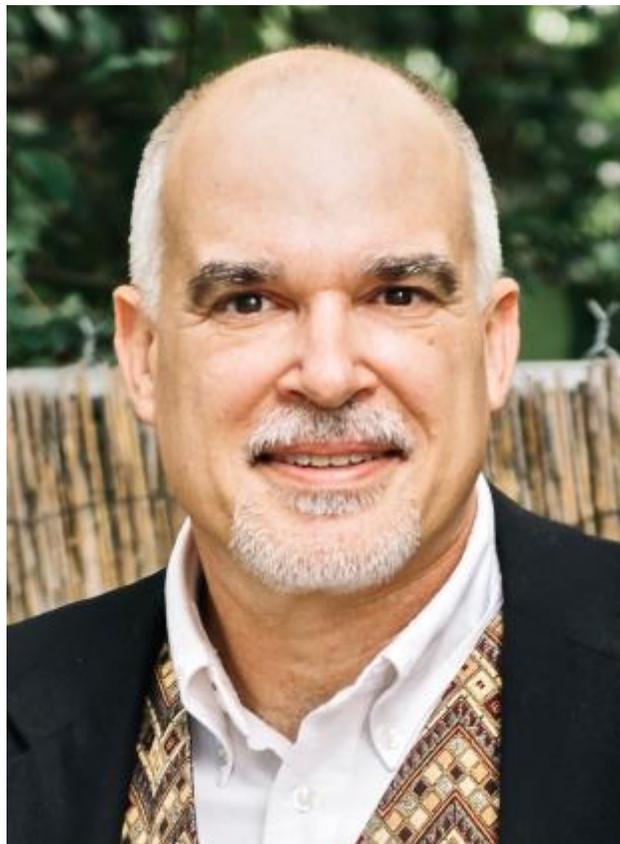
University Lecturers Series

Thursday, Oct. 10, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, UAC 209

Living in the Truth of Cajun History: Re-making Citizens and Society through Public History in Louisiana

Prior to the 1970s, public authorities of all kinds viewed Cajuns as problematic whites who needed to “modernize” and forget their past. Representations of the Cajun people at historical and commemorative sites were thus few and far between. Since then, however, the number of sites and spectacles that feature their history and heritage has exploded across the southern part of the state. Using the late theorizing of Michel Foucault as a lens, **Dr. Marc David** describes the conditions that led to the sudden rise of an “official” Acadian public history and explores how this new historical narrative serves the diverse and overlapping interests of both public officials and everyday citizens of Cajun ancestry. Attendees will gain a greater appreciation of the cultural complexity and diversity in southern Louisiana as well as a deeper understanding of how public institutions govern by forging ethnic and cultural identities and how we, in turn, assimilate these identities into our own lives.

For more information, contact Ron Haas, rmh109@txstate.edu



1 - Dr. Marc David

Thursday, October 17, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Alkek Teaching Theater

The Psychology Department and Alkek Library at Texas State University will host an American Psychological Association Exhibit, "I am Psyched," that focuses on contributions of Women of Color to Psychology. The exhibit will be on the 4th floor of the Alkek Library from October 16th to 28th. We are celebrating the opening of this exhibit with a lecture by **Dr. Janet Helms**.

Dr. Helms is the Director of the Institute for the Study and Promotion of Race and Culture and holds the Augustus Long Professorship in the Department of Counseling, Developmental, and Educational Psychology at Boston College. She is the author of *A Race Is a Nice Thing to Have: A Guide to Being a White Person or Understanding the White Persons in Your Life*.

For more information, contact Shirley Ogletree, so01@txstate.edu



2 - Dr. Janet Helms

Thursday, October 24, 7:00 pm Alkek Teaching Theater

Chasing Slavery: Ambassador Luis C. de Baca

Ambassador C. de Baca has been chasing slavery since the early 90s and his communities have been involved in eradicating slavery since the 1600s. Working first with migrant farmworkers held captive on farms in Florida, he helped the Department of Justice start prosecuting violations of the slavery

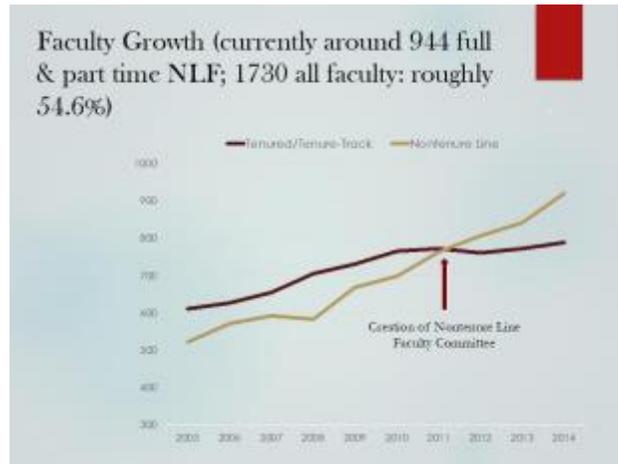
provisions of the 13th amendment and then adopt a “victim-centered approach” to prosecuting slavery, which emphasizes that nations have an obligation to help victims recover instead of prosecuting them for violating immigration and prostitution laws. As he put it, “a nation's responsibility for the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms is as important as the nation's interest in its sovereignty or general criminal laws.” As Ambassador-at-Large and the Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, he helped implement human rights and anti-trafficking oversight into supply chains connecting workers and consumers. In this keynote, C. de Baca will bring historical research, his advocacy and his policy experience to bear on the recurring ways peoples and communities have sought to eradicate slavery since its many abolitions.

For more information, contact John Mckiernan, jrm259@txstate.edu



3 - Ambassador Luis C. de Baca

Academic Freedom Dialogue



Thursday, October 24, 4 - 6 pm, Comal 116

The Big Chill: Does Academic Status Affect Academic Freedom?

Dr. Shannon Duffy, Faculty Senate Fellow, and the Faculty Senate's Academic Freedom Committee will host the first of three Academic Freedom Dialogues. As this year's Senate Fellow, Shannon is working on issues related to academic freedom, particularly with regard to nontenure line faculty, and in light of new issues brought up by the growth of social media. All Texas State faculty are invited to share their thoughts and concerns about issues related to faculty academic freedom and academic free speech.

Visit the [Academic Freedom Committee Portal](#) for sharing academic freedom concerns.

Student Government Presents Diversity Week: Living in Our Truth

Student Government is hosting *Diversity Week: Living in our Truth*, by collaborating and co-sponsoring events dedicated to providing opportunities for individuals to come together in unity. Diversity Week will feature events designed to create awareness and appreciation of our diverse differences and celebrate the richness of our university community.

Kick Off Program Friday, October 25: LBJSC Teaching Theater, 3 - 6 pm. Colette Pierce Burnette, President and CEO, Huston-Tillotson University

Las Cafateras Monday, October 28: Evans Auditorium, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Supaman Tuesday, October 29: George's, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

The Asia Project Tuesday, October 29: George's, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Barnaga: Intercultural Understanding Wednesday, October 30: George's, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Drag Karaoke Wednesday, October 30: George's, 8:30 - 9:30 pm

Tell Them We Are Rising Thursday, October 31: George's, 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Culture Fest Friday, November 1: Quad/Mall Area (program 10:00 - 11:00 am)

Step Afrika Friday, November 1: Evans Auditorium, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Equality U Saturday, November 2: LBJ Student Center (program 8:00 am)

More information at <https://studentgovernment.dos.txstate.edu/diversity-week.html>

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Join us as we unify to create awareness and appreciation of our diverse differences, and celebrate the rich diversity of our University

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Friday, October 25 Kick-Off Program LBJSC Teaching Theater Reception 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Program at 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Wednesday, October 30 Barnaga: Intercultural Understanding George's Program at 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm	Friday, November 1 Culture Fest Quad/Mall Area Program at 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Monday, October 28 Las Cafateras Evans Auditorium Door Open at 6:30 pm Program at 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Wednesday, October 30 Drag Karaoke George's Program at 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm Food Giveaways	Friday, November 1 Step Afrika Evans Auditorium Program at 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesday, October 29 Supaman George's Program at 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Thursday, October 31 Tell Them We Are Rising George's Program at 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Saturday, November 2 Equality U LBJ Student Center Program at 8:00 am
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Applied Arts: [Michael Supancic](#), Criminal Justice

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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 above) 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.