



# Faculty Senate Bulletin

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*Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you. - Ruth Bader Ginsburg*

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## Research Enhancement Program (REP)



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 Tuesday, October 13. 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 21, 4:00 - 5:00 pm** via Zoom.

## Council on Inclusive Excellence

The Faculty Senate will partner with the Council for Inclusive Excellence this year on initiatives that align with our theme: *Advocating for Justice and Transformation*. We are currently identifying opportunities for enhancing education and awareness of issues related to diversity and inclusion among faculty members. We also plan to join in strategic consulting engagements this year to explore equity across our university.



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## Department Chair/School Director Training Program

Faculty Development is piloting a department chair/school director training program during the month of October. Seven sessions will be offered on a variety of topics, including budgeting, diversity and inclusion, and operational planning. Presenters will offer strategies and tips, with time for discussion and Q&A. The target audience is chairs and directors in their first appointment; however, all chairs and directors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For more information and to register, visit the [Faculty Development](#) website.

## National Council of Faculty Senates Conference

Highlights from the National Council of Faculty Senates (NCFS) Annual Virtual Meeting, September 18/19, 2020

Senate Chair Bezner attended the NCFS virtual meeting and engaged in discussions about faculty role in institutional budget decisions, impact of COVID on faculty and the ways in which the NCFS can provide resources and support, shared governance and the degree to which shared governance has impacted faculty during COVID and ways to enhance shared governance, and the ways in which higher education can fight racism. The Faculty Senate intends to have follow up discussions on these topics and will share additional information in the future.

## The Common Experience at Texas State



Texas State presents an academic theme each year with events for everyone. This is our [Common Experience](#).

The Common Experience theme for the 2020-2021 academic year is **Dynamics**. It's about movement and the motivating forces behind everything, everywhere: physical forces, moral forces, driving forces. You can see and feel dynamics in growth, change, inspiration, and action. It's movement from where you are to where you will be. [Watch the new video](#).

This year's book is [American Like Me](#), edited by actress America Ferrera. First-year students will receive free access to the digital eBook.



This month will feature the dynamic U.S. Olympic Gymnast and bestselling author [Laurie Hernandez](#), **Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 pm** via YouTube Livestream, moderated by Texas State alumna DaLyah Jones.

## Upcoming Events



### Monday, October 19, 2:00 pm, via Zoom

Julie A. Reuben will discuss *Social Responsibilities of Universities: Diversity, Inclusion, and Academic Freedom*. Faculty Senate joins Equity and Access and the Department of Philosophy as a co-sponsor of this event in the Philosophy Dialogue Series. This event will be available by Zoom; link to be available the week before the event.

Julie A. Reuben is a historian interested in the role of education in American society and culture. Her teaching and research address broad questions about the purposes of education; the relationship between educational institutions and political and social concerns; and the forces that shape educational change.

### Monday, October 26, Virtual Event

The College of Education presents the [Tomás Rivera Award](#). This year's awardee is *My Papi has a Motorcycle*, by Isabel Quintero, Illustrated by Zeke Peña.

Texas State University College of Education created The Tomás Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award in 1995 to honor authors and illustrators who create literature that depicts the Mexican American experience. It is named in honor of Texas State University distinguished alumnus Dr. Tomás Rivera. The University Lecturers Series is a co-sponsor of this event.





**Thursday, October 29, 2:00 - 3:30 pm via Zoom.**

Dr. Jonathan Zimmerman, Professor of History of Education at the University of Pennsylvania, will be speaking on *Impolitic Politics: Free Speech, Censorship, & Civility on Campus in the Age of Trump*.

Jonathan Zimmerman has researched and written extensively on campus politics and campus protests, campus climate, and political issues in education. New York University awarded him the Distinguished Teaching Award (2008) and he is an Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer. In addition to his many scholarly monographs, he is a frequent contributor to *The New York Times*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Inside Higher Education*, and *The Washington Post*.



## **62nd Faculty Senate, 2020 - 2021**

Applied Arts: [Michael Supancic](#), Criminal Justice

Business Administration: [Andrew Ojede](#), Finance and Economics

Education: College of Education: [Gwynne Ash](#) (through Fall 2020), and [Taylor Acee](#) (beginning Spring 2021), Curriculum and Instruction; [Stacey Bender](#), Health and Human Performance

Fine Arts & Communication: [Dale Blasingame](#), Journalism and Mass Communication; [Lynn Ledbetter](#) (*Vice Chair*), Music; [Nicole Wesley](#), Theatre and Dance

Health Professions: [Janet Bezner](#) (*Chair*), Physical Therapy

Liberal Arts: [Rebecca Bell-Metereau](#), English (beginning Spring 2021); [Peter Dedek](#), History (through Fall 2020); [Jennifer Jensen](#) (*Secretary*), Geography; [Vince Luizzi](#), Philosophy; [Roque Mendez](#), Psychology

Science and Engineering: [Rachel Davenport](#), Biology; [Ben Martin](#), Chemistry and Biochemistry; [Stan McClellan](#), Engineering

## 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 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.