



# Faculty Senate Bulletin

November 2019

*To suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights of the hearer as well as those of the speaker. – Frederick Douglass*



## This month:

- **Everette Swinney Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching Award**
- **Faculty Senate Meeting on Round Rock Campus**
- **University Lecturers Series**
- **Academic Freedom Dialogue**
- **61st Faculty Senate, 2019 - 2020**
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## Everette Swinney Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching Award

At the October 9 meeting, the senate endorsed the recommendations of the Piper Professor Committee. The committee reviewed applications for the Piper Award and the Everette Swinney Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching Award. The senate is pleased to announce the following faculty members were selected for the Swinney Award:

- Ann Burnette, Associate Professor, Communication Studies
- Ting Liu, Associate Professor, Health and Human Performance
- Roque V. Mendez, Professor, Psychology

In addition, the committee recommended Dr. Burnette as the university's nominee for the Piper Award. The senate appreciates the support the university provides in recognizing and rewarding our high quality faculty.

## Faculty Senate Meeting on Round Rock Campus



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The Faculty Senate will meet on the Round Rock campus on **Wednesday, November 13, 4:00 - 6:00 pm** in Willow Hall room 212.

## University Lecturers Series

The Faculty Senate's [University Lecturers Committee](#) reviews requests from colleges, schools, departments and campus organizations for assistance to bring outstanding guest lecturers or mini-symposia speakers to Texas State University during the long semesters (funding is not available for Summer sessions). Limited Student Services Fee funds are awarded based on the committee's review of proposals and recommendations to the Faculty Senate.

A call for proposals will be issued by the Faculty Senate in November to alert faculty and university organizations to the early February proposal due date for lectures to be offered *in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021*. More information is available on the committee's [website](#).



*1 - Professor Ola Hnatiuk*

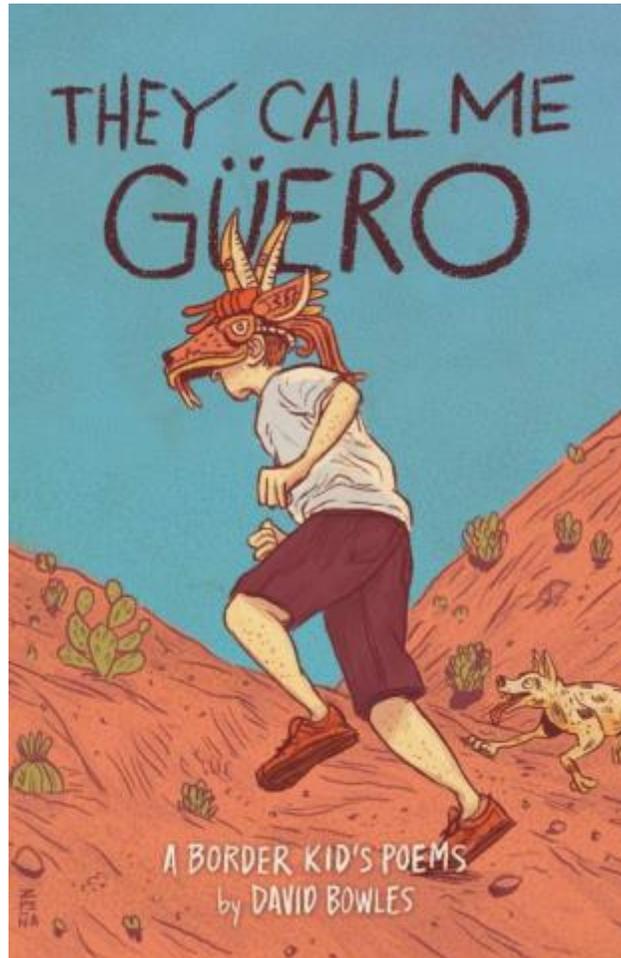
**Thursday, November 14, 5:30 pm, Flowers Hall room 230**

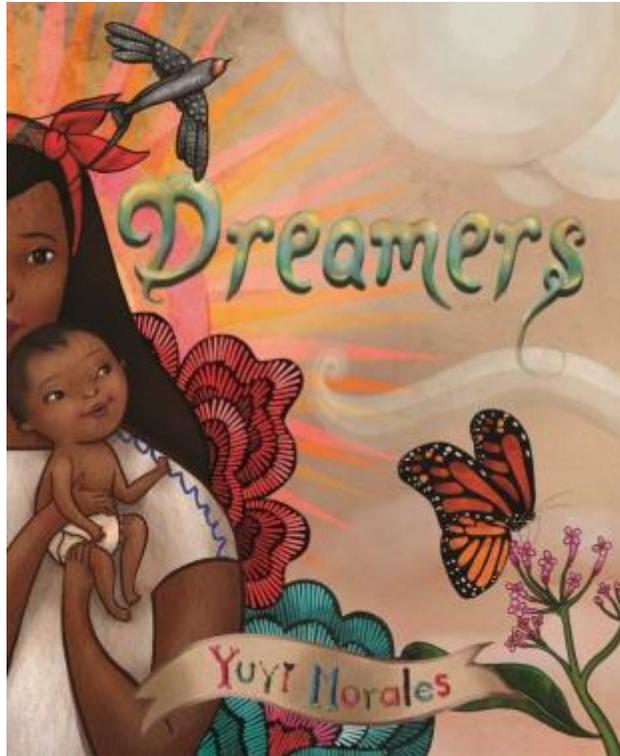
The Department of World Languages and Literatures presents **Professor Ola Hnatiuk** (Poland/Ukraine):  
"Women—War—Peace"

The lecture presents the city of Lviv, now in Ukraine, during World War II through rare, fragmentary sources. It reveals a war whose burden fell on women no less than on men, whose trauma continues to afflict new generations and lives on in the region through violence committed in the name of retribution.

For more information, contact Ewa Siwak, [@txstate.edu](mailto:esiwak@txstate.edu)

### Tomás Rivera Awardees





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 Committee funds the annual honorarium for the awards, which were presented October 24.

### **They Call Me Guero by: David Bowles**

Twelve-year old Güero is Mexican American, at home with Spanish or English and on both sides of the river. He's starting 7th grade with a woke English teacher who knows how to make poetry cool.

In Spanish, "Güero" is a nickname for guys with pale skin, Latino or Anglo. But make no mistake: our red-headed, freckled hero is puro mexicano, like Canelo Álvarez, the Mexican boxer. Güero is also a nerd—reader, gamer, musician—who runs with a squad of misfits like him, Los Bobbys. Sure, they get in trouble like anybody else, and like other middle-school boys, they discover girls. Watch out for Joanna! She's tough as nails.

### **Dreamers by: Yuyi Morales**

In 1994, Yuyi Morales left her home in Xalapa, Mexico and came to the US with her infant son. She left behind nearly everything she owned, but she didn't come empty-handed.

She brought her strength, her work, her passion, her hopes and dreams...and her stories. Caldecott Honor artist and five-time Pura Belpré winner Yuyi Morales's gorgeous new picture book Dreamers is about making a home in a new place. Yuyi and her son Kelly's passage was not easy, and Yuyi spoke no English whatsoever at the time. But together, they found an unexpected, unbelievable place: the public

library. There, book by book, they untangled the language of this strange new land, and learned to make their home within it.

Dreamers is a celebration of what migrantes bring with them when they leave their homes. It's a story about family. And it's a story to remind us that we are all dreamers, bringing our own gifts wherever we roam. Beautiful and powerful at any time but given particular urgency as the status of our own Dreamers becomes uncertain, this is a story that is both topical and timeless.

## Academic Freedom Dialogue

**Wednesday, November 13, 2:30 - 4 pm, Willow Hall, Room 212**

### **What Academic Freedom Issues Concern You as a Round Rock Faculty Member?**

Dr. Shannon Duffy, Faculty Senate Fellow, and the Faculty Senate's Academic Freedom Committee will host the second 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.

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

Business Administration: [Diego Vacaflores](#), Finance and Economics

Education: [Jesse Gainer](#), Curriculum and Instruction; [Lyn Litchke](#), Health and Human Performance

Fine Arts & Communication: [Lynn Ledbetter](#), Music; [Dave Nolan](#), Journalism and Mass Communication (Secretary); [Nicole Wesley](#), Theatre and Dance

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

Liberal Arts: [Rebecca Bell-Metereau](#), English; [Natalie Ceballos](#), Psychology (*Vice Chair*); [Jennifer Jensen](#), Geography; [Vince Luizzi](#), Philosophy

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.