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Christine A.
Stanley



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Henderson



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Program Agenda

Host.....**Shaunqula Wilson, PhD**
Research Associate
Office of Diversity and Community Engagement/School of Interdisciplinary Studies

Welcome.....**George Fair, PhD**
Vice President
Office of Diversity and Community Engagement

Breakfast

Recognition of Honorees**Brandy Davis, JD**
Director
Title IX Initiatives
Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance

Cristen Casey, MPA
Assistant Vice President for International Programs
UT Dallas International Center

Julia Chan, PhD
Professor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Ms. Lavanya Desai
Senior
University of Texas at Dallas
President of the UT Dallas Student Diversity Advisory Council

Rashaunda M. Henderson, PhD
Associate Professor
Department of Electrical Engineering
School of Engineering and Computer Science

Christine A. Stanley, PhD
Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity
Professor
Higher Education at Texas A&M University

Introduction of Speaker.....**Inga H. Musselman, PhD**
Senior Vice Provost

Open Discussion (Moderated).....**Ms. Lauren DeCillis**
Director
The Galerstein Women's Center

Q&A

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Julia Chan, PhD

Professor Julia Chan began her faculty appointment at Louisiana State University in fall 2000, after spending two years as a National Research Council postdoctoral associate in the Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. She then moved her research group to the department of chemistry and biochemistry at UT Dallas in fall 2013. Her research interests involve synthesis and crystal growth of correlated electronic systems, superconductivity, and new materials for energy conversion.

Dr. Chan holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Baylor University and a doctorate from University of California at Davis. She has published over 160 papers and given over 100 invited talks. She has graduated 17 doctoral students, 10 who are women and underrepresented minorities, and has mentored over 35 undergraduates in her laboratory. Dr. Chan has received numerous awards, including the American Crystallographic Association's Margaret C. Etter Early Career Award, Baylor University Outstanding Alumni Award, Iota Sigma Pi Agnes Fay Morgan Award, American Chemical Society Exxon Mobil Faculty Fellowship in Solid State Chemistry, and one of 12 Profiled in 2002 C&E News series on "Women in Chemistry," highlighting women making an impact in the chemical sciences. She is currently an associate editor of Science Advances and is serving on the editorial advisory board of Chemistry of Materials.



Speaker



Christine A. Stanley, PhD

Christine A. Stanley is the Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity and Professor of Higher Education in the College of Education and Human Development at Texas A&M University. Dr. Stanley served on the presidential task force to develop and write the first Standards of Professional Practice for Chief Diversity Officers, commissioned by the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education (NADOHE). She is primarily responsible for assessing and monitoring the efforts and progress in diversifying the faculty, staff and student bodies; assisting the president and provost in holding units accountable for progress in achieving diversity and promoting a supportive climate for diversity; and planning and implementing programs to ensure diversity and equity among students, faculty and staff by working with vice presidents, deans, department heads, and the leadership of the faculty, student and staff governing bodies.

Dr. Stanley has edited two books, “Faculty of Color: Teaching in Predominantly White Colleges and Universities” and “Engaging Large Classes,” has over 50 publications and has consulted nationally and internationally on faculty development issues in the United States, Armenia, Canada, China, Mexico, and South Africa. She is the recipient of several awards including the 2015 Mildred Garcia Award for Exemplary Scholarship for a Senior-Practitioner Scholar from the Association for the Study of Higher Education, and two awards from the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education: the Robert Pierleoni Spirit of POD Award for leadership efforts in diversity and the Christine A. Stanley Award for Diversity and Inclusion Research in Educational Development. Her research interests are in faculty professional development, instructional development, multicultural organizational development, and college teaching.

Dr. Stanley is a native of Jamaica, The West Indies and holds a bachelor’s degree in biology, a master’s degree in zoology and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Texas A&M University.

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Rashaunda M. Henderson, PhD

Rashaunda M. Henderson received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Tuskegee University and a doctorate from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She joined The University of Texas at Dallas, Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science as an assistant professor in the fall of 2007. She was promoted to Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering in the fall of 2014.

Dr. Henderson was elected in September to serve a three-year term on the IEEE MTT-S Administrative Committee. Her additional IEEE activities include the IEEE MTT-S Membership & Geographical Activities Committee under the

Women in Engineering Subcommittee, the MTT-S Education Committee, the IEEE MTT-S International Microwave Symposium 2D/3D Printed RF/Microwave Components Technical Program Review Subcommittee and the IEEE MTT-S Technical Coordinating Committee 11 on Measurements. She has a passion for engaging students in research and has mentored several underrepresented students through the NSF-sponsored grants such as the UT Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Program. She has mentored two MTT-S undergraduate scholarship recipients and one student selected to conduct undergraduate research through the UT Dallas VP for Research Undergraduate Research Scholar Program.

Dr. Henderson is co-founder of the High Frequency Circuits and Systems Laboratory. Her research interests include design and development of microwave components for wireless applications. Collaborations have led to research with the Directed Energy Directorate of Air Force Research Laboratory on RF injection effects on microcontrollers. Her recent collaborations with SMU and USC have led to the design of mm-wave antennas for high data rate communications sponsored by NxGen Partners.

Dr. Henderson has authored/co-authored more than 50 journal and conference papers/presentations. At the 2015 and 2016 UT Dallas Young Women in Science and Engineering Investigators Program, she received the Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award.

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Cristen Casey, MPA

Cristen Casey grew up in small-town Indiana without much cultural diversity in her life. But for as long as she can remember, she has been particularly drawn to people from other countries. Her best childhood friend was French Canadian. Her first romance was with a Briton. Her major was in French literature at Kalamazoo College, where 96 percent of the student population typically studied abroad.

Casey went on to complete a Fulbright teaching fellowship in Normandy, France, and also worked with Habitat for Humanity in Honduras. It's no surprise, then, that she sees her role as Assistant Vice President of International Programs at UT Dallas as a dream job. Casey heads up the newly organized International Center, a central point of contact for international programs and services.

“Fostering connections between people from around the world has been important to me for as long as I can remember,” Casey said. “My personal and professional experiences have demonstrated how this contact can lead to long-term friendships, research relationships and exchange of ideas. It also allows people to get out of our comfort zones and to become more creative and resourceful by seeing the world in new ways.”



Lavanya Desai

Lavanya Desai is currently a senior at UT Dallas. She is a psychology major and criminology minor, and she plans to pursue a master's degree in counterterrorism and homeland security policy after graduating next spring. Desai is honored to have been elected president of Student Diversity Advisory Council this year, and has thoroughly enjoyed working with her fellow officers and council members to bring more diversity and inclusion to campus. Desai has been a peer advisor (PA) in Residence Hall South for two years and will continue to serve the Department of Residential Life next year as a PA. She is also a part of Psychology Coalition, Destination Imagination, and the Blackberry Project.

Upcoming Events



DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS SEMINAR

Exploring Strategies to Improve College to Career Transitioning For Students with Special Needs

Save the Date!
October 27, 2016
2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Davidson Auditorium

Speaker Stephanie Cawthon, PhD
Sponsored by Raytheon



Veterans Month

Thursday, November 15, 2016
TI Auditorium ECSS 2.102

Speaker: Jacob Schick, Executive Director for 22Kill





THE 8TH ANNUAL
DIVERSITY AWARDS CEREMONY AND SOIRÉE

April 20th, 2017
5:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M.

Davidson Auditorium

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