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Faculty Focus

News and Information for Ohio State Faculty



Provost's Early Career Scholars Spotlight: Parvati Singh

Parvati Singh is a member of the first [Provost's Early Career Scholars](#) cohort. She studies how sudden changes in the socioeconomic and health policy environment affect population mental health and health service utilization. Much of her work focuses on vulnerable groups such as low-income populations, racial minorities, children and people with mental disorders.

Learn more about Parvati

Introducing the Office of Faculty Affairs team

The mission of the Office of Faculty Affairs is to develop, curate and connect academic resources, programming and structures in support of faculty success across the entire career life cycle. We focus on providing an unparalleled set of services to academic units and individuals that are guided by principles of transparency, efficiency and inclusive excellence. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of our team members with questions.

- [Patrick Louchouart](#), Senior Vice Provost for Faculty
- [Helen Malone](#), Vice Provost for Academic Policy and Faculty Resources
- [Anika Anthony](#), Associate Vice Provost and Director for the Drake Institute of Teaching and Learning
- [Kaprea Johnson](#), Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Development and Recognition
- [Sarah Conley](#), Assistant Vice Provost for Dual Careers and Faculty Relocation
- [Jan Neiger](#), Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Human Resources



Telling Your Story

Thank you to those who attended the Promotion and Tenure workshop, "Telling Your Story," and provided feedback to help better shape future workshops. Participants learned how to create a compelling professional narrative and clearly identify themselves as the central character of the story. **Dr. Elissa Washuta**, an associate professor in the Department of English, gave the keynote address and shares her Promotion and Tenure story in the video above (and linked below).

[Hear Her Story](#)

AI: Considerations for Teaching and Learning

Recent advancements in generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools publicly available are providing opportunities and challenges to teaching. [The Teaching and Learning Resource Center](#) has created a teaching topic resource that provides insights and guidance to support faculty and instructors. Consider bookmarking the teaching topic linked below as it evolves when new information emerges around AI tools and their impact on teaching and learning.

This resource is a collaborative effort from several university departments. We would like to recognize the following individuals for their contributions:

- **Office of Distance Education and eLearning:** Carrie Burggraf, Sarah Holt, Charles Williamson
- **Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning:** Anika Anthony, Jonathan Baker, Eric Brinkman, Larry Hurtubise, Erin Mercurio, David Sovic
- **University Libraries:** Jane Hammons
- **Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing:** Chris Manion

[Learn More](#)

Additionally, before using AI in coursework, students and faculty are encouraged to review the guidelines outlined in the [Code of Student Conduct](#) about completing academic assignments with fairness and honesty.



Bringing the arts to Ohio's underserved communities

"As a community engaged researcher, I want to show communities how research relates to life and lived experiences and how research and art can inspire a better future for the next generation."

—Nyama McCarthy-Brown

Nyama has been selected as Ohio State's inaugural Artist Laureate, beginning her one-year appointment on July 1, 2023. An associate professor in the Department of Dance, she joined the university in 2018.

[Learn More](#)



State of Academic Affairs

On March 23, Executive Vice President and Provost Melissa Gilliam delivered the 2023 State of Academic Affairs. She reflected on progress over the past year and shared updates on Ohio State's [Academic Plan](#).

Watch

Awards and recognition

Four faculty earn Community Engaged Scholar Awards

Ohio State's Community Engaged Scholar Award recognizes faculty members who have demonstrated co-created engaged scholarship that has positively impacted communities. This year's recipients are:

- **Scott Graves**, College of Education and Human Ecology
- **Nyama McCarthy-Brown**, College of Arts and Sciences
- **Timothy McDermott**, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
- **Susan Melsop**, College of Arts and Sciences

Learn More

Surprise! Faculty honorees receive visits from senior leaders

Senior leaders have been traversing campus and making virtual visits to surprise faculty award honorees over the past few weeks. Stay tuned for video footage in the May issue of *Faculty Focus*. For now, check out the list of winners and photos from the visits below:

- [President and Provost's Award for Distinguished Faculty Service](#)
- [Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching](#)
- [Provost's Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Lecturer](#)

Opportunities

Faculty Networks taking flight

The Women+ Faculty Network and Faculty of Color Network both held launch events during March hosted by OAA at the Wexner Center for the Arts. These events provided the opportunity for participants to create connections that are vital to creating inclusive communities and sense of belonging. Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to explore the gallery and the current exhibition of [Meditation Ocean](#).

The New Faculty Network has been established as well, also offering an opportunity to socialize and share resources, stories and support.

[Learn More and Connect](#)

CCTS Inventor Showcase is TOMORROW! (April 12)

All are welcome to attend the virtual Inventor Showcase hosted by the Center for Clinical and Translational Science **on Wednesday, April 12, from noon to 1 p.m.** During the hourlong session titled "Innovative Therapies for Macular Degeneration - Preserving Vision and Reducing Injections," an expert panel will discuss treatments to help preserve vision to those affected by retinal issues.

[Learn More](#)

Exploratory Research Groups call for proposals

The Sustainability Institute is currently accepting proposals for the second cohort of Exploratory Research Groups, designed to support early-stage, exploratory research, scholarship and creative expression across a range of faculty/scholar-determined topics. The deadline for proposal submission is **May 1, 2023**.

[Learn More](#)

Mapping your research agenda

Join the Office of Knowledge and Enterprise for a virtual two-hour workshop designed for early- to mid-career faculty interested in developing a concrete plan for their research agendas. **On April 18**, panelists will help you understand how to change course, plan around life events and pursue interdisciplinary research. **Register by April 17.**

[Learn More and Register](#)

Come together at the symposium of your choice (or both!)

Engaged Scholarship Symposium

- **Who:** Hosted by the Office of Outreach and Engagement
- **When:** April 20, 8:15 a.m. to noon
- **Where:** Fawcett Center
- **Why:** Highlights faculty who are co-creating scholarship with our community. Through panel discussions, participants will learn more about the innovative and impactful work of engaged scholars at Ohio State.
- [Learn more and register.](#)

Digital Learning Symposium

- **Who:** Hosted by the Office of Technology and Digital Innovation
- **When:** May 5, 10 a.m. to noon
- **Where:** Thompson Library (Campus Reading Room)
- **Why:** Connect with educators and leaders from across the university to learn about their work and the future of professional, continuing and online education at Ohio State.
- Join the [mailing list](#) to be notified when registration opens.

Apply for the President and Provost's Leadership Institute

The Women's Place invites clinical or tenured professors (associate or full) to join the next cohort of the President and Provost's Leadership Institute. This 16-month program allows participants to enhance their vision, leadership competencies, networks and knowledge of higher education. Primary goals of the institute are to create a pool of potential leaders from groups that traditionally have been underrepresented and to develop leaders committed to creating an inclusive university. Faculty of any gender and from all Ohio State campuses and colleges may apply. **Apply by April 15.**

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Graduate School in search of associate dean

The Graduate School has opened an internal candidate search for a new Associate Dean for Excellence in Graduate and Postdoctoral Training. The roll will oversee Graduate School staff in DEI, Fellowships, Postdoctoral Affairs, and Strategic Trainee Proposal Development.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

In the news

- [Academic Voices: A Provost's Blog – Focusing on student completion](#)
- [College of Nursing leadership announcement](#)
- [College of Pharmacy leadership announcement](#)
- [Kirwan Institute marks 20th anniversary, launches new strategic plan](#)
- [Ohio State hosts grand opening for terrestrial science park](#)
- [Ohio State professor Angus Fletcher awarded U.S. Army medal for leadership training](#)
- [Nearly \\$1 million in grants awarded to Ohio State humanities professors](#)



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