

Faculty Senate Bulletin



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"Only the educated are free" Epictetus

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65th Faculty Senate



The 65th Faculty Senate 2023-2024

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

Business Administration: [William Chittenden](#), Finance and Economics

Education: [Stacey Bender](#), Health and Human Performance; [Jo Beth Oestreich](#), (*Secretary*), Curriculum and Instruction

Fine Arts & Communication: [Dale Blasingame](#), Journalism and Mass Communication; [Lynn Ledbetter](#) (*Chair*), Music; [Adetty Perez de Miles](#), Art and Design

Health Professions: [Farzan Irani](#), Communication Disorders

Liberal Arts: [Rebecca Bell-Metereau](#), English; [Peter Dedek](#), History; [Jennifer Jensen](#), Geography; [William Kelemen](#), Psychology

Science and Engineering: [Rachel Davenport](#) (*Vice Chair*), Biology; [David Donnelly](#), Physics; [Alex White](#), Mathematics

Academic Freedom Corner



Members of the Academic Freedom Committee (Nathan Pino, Steve Wilson, and Paul Villagran), along with faculty members Dwonna Goldstone and Elizabeth Bishop, are part of a panel discussion on academic freedom for the **Philosophy Dialogue Series at the San Marcos Public Library on September 27th, 2023, 3:30 PM, 625 E. Hopkins St, San Marcos, TX.**

If you would like to contact the committee about any concerns regarding academic freedom on campus, you can contact us using our contact form at the link below.

If you have concerns regarding academic freedom, you can contact the [Academic Freedom Committee](#).

Fall Meeting Dates



All meetings are held in JCK 880 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM with a Zoom option (unless otherwise noted on the [agenda](#))

Prior meeting [minutes](#) are available on the Faculty Senate website.

September:

6 (President's Academic Advisory Group), 13, 20, 27

October:

4, 11 (PAAG), 18, 25

November:

1 (PAAG), 8, 15, 29

December:

6 (PAAG)

Fall Application Due Dates



Faculty Development Leave:

- October 2 - FDL applications due from *Faculty* by 5pm on the [Faculty Requests](#) portal
- October 9 - FDL applications *Chair* reviews due by 5pm
- October 16 - FDL applications *Dean* reviews due by 5pm

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- October 9 - NLFWR applications due from *Faculty* by 5pm on the [Faculty Requests](#) portal
- October 16 - NLFWR applications *Chair* reviews due by 5pm
- October 23- NLFWR applications *Dean* reviews due by 5 pm

University Lecturer Series



1 - Upcoming Events...

Department of Psychology

Dr. David Gallo, from the University of Chicago, is the keynote speaker at the Armadillo Conference 2023. His research interests are in memory accuracy and distortions, healthy aging and Alzheimer's disease, Metacognitive and nonconscious processes, and cognitive neuroscience and evolution. The annual conference for cognitive psychologists will be held **October 6-7**.

Department of Sociology



Professor Krzysztof T. Konecki is Professor at the Institute of Sociology, Faculty of Economics and Sociology, University of Lodz in Poland. His scholarly interests lie in qualitative sociology, symbolic

interactionism, visual sociology, organizational culture and management, and contemplative sociology. He is an author of many papers and books on qualitative methodology and visual data analysis. His most recent book is *The Meaning of Contemplation for Social Qualitative Research. Applications and Examples*. London: Routledge (2022). The themes for his visit to TxSt are the war in Ukraine, its impact on the Academy in Ukraine, and his personal involvement in assisting the evacuation and relocation of Ukrainian scholars and their families.

October 12, 2023, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Flowers 230

Department of Social Work



Hip Hop's next 50

The day-long event celebrates Hip Hop culture's 50th anniversary and raises awareness about the innovative and meaningful ways that Hip Hop culture has contributed to health, education, and wellness at TXST, in Central TX, within the United States, and around the world. The event takes place on **November 15th beginning at 9:00 AM in LBJ 3-14.1 and will wrap-up in Encino Hall from 6:30-9:30pm** with a beat battle, a pop-up museum of interactive activities grounded in celebrating Hip Hop's past, present, and future, and a reception and Open House for the CREATE Lab music studio and makerspace. Contact: rtravis@txstate.edu

Charles Clark III, University Lecturer Series keynote speaker, will address: "How does one become the person they are supposed to be before they die?" Charles will also talk about the connection between his work, these themes, community change, and how fields like Social Work and Criminal Justice specifically intersect with needed community change efforts.

Hip Hop's Next 50, on November 15th is open to Texas State faculty, staff, students, and guests.

Department of Theatre and Dance



Art as a catalysis for social change: our journeys with DanceAbility®

This lecture is a powerful example of collaborative art creation between two differently-abled dancers, **Tanya Winters and Veronica DeWitt**, (certified DanceAbility® teachers).

Thursday, February 15, 11:00am-12:00pm, Jowers Stage 178

FREE event funded by:

The University Lecturer Series

The Theatre and Dance Department

The Office of Disability Service

Merge Dance Company

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](#) 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.