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College of Arts & Sciences Retreat

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**College of Arts & Sciences Teacher of the Year**

*Dr. Hinojosa is a highly respected teacher and an expert in using educational technology. He earned his Ph.D. degree in Geophysics from The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Hinojosa joined The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) in 1987, and subsequently joined Texas A&M International University in 1991. Dr. Hinojosa’s research interests include planetary physics, potential theory, gravity gradient tensor analysis, thermal convection, and numerical modeling. Dr. Hinojosa’s current research deals with analyzing and modeling the gravitational field and topography of the planets Venus and Mars in the spectral domain. Theoretical admittance functions are used to model the gravitational response to surface and subsurface loading at different wavelengths to determine the physical properties of the planetary lithospheres, and to determine the thermal structure of the planetary interiors.*

--- Chair, Dr. R. Bachnak

Dr. Juan H. Hinojosa

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**College of Arts & Sciences Scholar of the Year**

*Dr. Quintana has been extremely successful as a teacher while teaching the largest class in the department, 120 students. He is a thoughtful instructor who is willing to take chances to improve the learning of his students. His students have been successful in the nursing program and often mention what we already knew, that he is a kind gentleman, who works hard for the students.*

---Chair, Dr. Daniel Mott

Dr. Fernando Quintana

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*Dr. Haynes was Faculty Senate President in 2008-2009. In 2009, he has published or will publish four journal articles and a book chapter and will complete a book on the playwright/screenwriter Horton Foote. His memorial poem on Mr. Foote, who died in March of 2009, will appear in the next issue of The Horton Foote Review. He teaches Shakespeare and Early British literature and encourages students to proceed with the inevitable Laredo Renaissance.*

---Co-Chair, Dr. K. Lindberg

Dr. Robert Haynes

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*Dr. Ni is an accomplished researcher and educator. He earned a Ph.D. in Solid-State Physics and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) from the University of North Texas in 1991; His experience includes Postdoctoral associate at Purdue University for two years and eight years at Southwest Research Institute. He joined TAMIU in 2001. His scholarly accomplishments include: granted four (4) U.S patents; published one (1) book chapter; thirteen (13) papers in peer review journals and numerous papers in conference proceedings; NSF grant, South Texas Border Mathematics and Pre-Engineering Graduates, 2003-08; NSF grant, Major Research Instrument (MRI): Acquisition of a Low-Field NMR for Research / Education at Texas A&M International University, 2008-2011. Dr. Ni continues to develop nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) related research for the university and students.*

--- Chair, Dr. R. Bachnak

Dr. Qingwen Ni
Teacher & Scholar of the Year by Departments

Behavioral Applied Sciences & Criminal Justice
Scholar of the Year: Dr. San Miguel, Teacher of the Year: Dr. Garza, Chair: Dr. Heredia, Scholar of the Year: Dr. Ynalvez

Department of Biology & Chemistry
Teacher of the Year: Dr. Quintana

Department of Engineering, Mathematics, & Physics
Teacher of the Year: Dr. Hinojosa, Chair: Dr. Bachnak, Scholar of the Year: Dr. Ni

Department of Fine & Performing Arts
Teacher of the Year: Mr. Townsend

Department of Language & Literature
Scholar of the Year: Dr. Haynes, Chair: Dr. Chadwell, Teacher of the Year: Dr. Martinez-Samos

Department of Social Sciences
Scholar of the Year: Dr. Duffy, Chair: Dr. Ben-Ruwin, Teacher of the Year: Dr. Manganaro