



# ATGS

Association of Texas Graduate Schools

## 2019

# Annual Meeting September 26-27, 2019

# Program



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# The Association of Texas Graduate Schools

The Association of Texas Graduate Schools (ATGS), founded in 1951 in Dallas, Texas, with 60 members, seeks to advance graduate study in the state of Texas by providing a forum for the discussion of ideals, aims, and problems in graduate studies faced by institutions of higher learning throughout our state. We hold regular meetings annually at one of our member institutions to share our experiences in our different approaches to the challenge of providing a meaningful graduate education for our students.

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## About the University of North Texas

Established in 1890, the University of North Texas has grown from a teacher training school with 70 students above a Denton hardware store to one of the largest public universities in the nation, with 39,000 students and a 900-acre campus.

The Toulouse Graduate School® oversees graduate program development and collaborates with departments on the recruitment, admission and enrollment services provided to the university's over 7,000 graduate students. It promotes excellence in graduate education and contributes to a vibrant research environment at UNT.

# Agenda

## Thursday, September 26

- 11:00 AM            **EARLY CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION**  
Embassy front desk and ATGS table nearby
- 12:00-1:00 PM     **LUNCH**  
Appaloosa/Quarter room 'til Break
- 1:05-1:15 PM      **WELCOME**  
**Victor Prybutok**, PhD, 2019 ATGS President
- 1:15-1:20 PM      **PROVOST WELCOME**  
**Jennifer Cowley**, PhD, Provost and Vice  
President for Academic Affairs, UNT
- 1:20-2:20 PM      **SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTION & STUDENT  
LEARNING OUTCOMES IN NON-STEM  
TERMINAL DEGREE PROGRAMS**  
**Felix Olschofka**, DMA, Director of Graduate  
Studies, College of Music, UNT
- 2:30-3:30 PM      **GRAD STUDENT CAREER TRAJECTORY:  
BALANCING GRADUATE EDUCATION AND THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF A CAREER TRAJECTORY**  
**Dr. Mahesh Vanjani**, PhD, Associate Dean of  
the Graduate School, Texas Southern University  
**Marvin Hackert**, PhD, Associate Dean of  
Graduate Studies, University of Texas
- 3:30-5:00 PM      **BREAK**
- 5:00 PM            Shuttle bus departing for UNT Stadium  
Location: Near Hotel Entrance
- 5:20-5:50 PM      **STADIUM TOUR (OPTIONAL)**  
Apogee Stadium, Gate 2

- 5:55 PM Shuttle bus departing for UNT Union  
Location: Near Hotel Entrance
- 6:00-7:00 PM **RECEPTION**  
UNT Union, Jade Ballroom, 333  
Note: Valet and Garage Passes available
- 7:00-8:00 PM **WELCOME DINNER-  
DIVERSITY IN RECRUITING**  
Dana Mordecai, National Association of  
Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS)  
UNT Union, Jade Ballroom, 333
- ENTERTAINMENT: PERFORMING ARTS HEALTH**  
**Kris Chesky**, PhD, Professor and Co-Director of  
Texas Center for Performing Arts Health, UNT,  
College of Music  
UNT Union, Jade Ballroom, 333
- Note: Valet and Garage Passes available
- 8:20 PM Shuttle bus departing for Embassy Suites Hotel  
Location: University Union, Union Cir. entrance



**Jade Ballroom**  
**University Union, 333**  
1155 Union Cir.  
Denton, Texas 76201  
~Valet and Garage Passes  
available



**Embassy Suites**  
3100 Town Center Tr.  
Denton, Texas 76201  
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## Friday, September 27

- 7:00-8:30 AM      **COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST FOR HOTEL GUESTS**  
Embassy Suites, 1st floor
- 8:30-9:30 AM      **ABOVE THE FOLD: NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS**  
**Suzanne Ortega**, PhD, CGS President  
Appaloosa/Quarter 'til Meeting Close
- 9:30-10:30 AM    **SCALING UP ONLINE PROGRAMS**  
**Angela R. Ausbrooks**, PhD, Director of the School of Social Work, Texas State University  
**Michael Monticino**, PhD, Special Assistant to the President and Advanced Data Analytics chair, University of North Texas
- 10:30-10:35 AM   **COFFEE BREAK**
- 10:35-11:25 AM   **FORESHADOWING OF GRADUATE EDUCATION INITIATIVES**  
**Kellie Cude**, PhD, ATGS President-Elect, Director of Graduate Studies, Texas A&M University-Central Texas
- 11:25-12:45 PM   **LUNCH & PRESENTATION - NEW DEGREE PROGRAM TRENDS IN THECB PROGRAM INVENTORY- PRESENTATION BEGINS 11:45**  
**James Goeman**, PhD, Assistant Director, Graduate and Professional Studies, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)



12:45-1:25 PM

**ATGS BUSINESS MEETING**

**Victor Prybutok and Joseph Oppong, PhD,**  
ATGS Treasurer-Secretary, Academic Associate  
Dean, Toulouse Graduate School, UNT

1:25 PM

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**Victor Prybutok, PhD,** ATGS President

1:30 PM

**CLOSING OF MEETING**

**POST-CONFERENCE ACTIVITY (OPTIONAL)**

2:00-4:00 PM

**HOLISTIC ADMISSIONS REVIEW WORKSHOP**

**JoAnn Canales, PhD,** Council of Graduate Schools

**Julie Shurts,** Educational Testing Service

**Shannon Neuse,** University of Texas

**Charles Blankson, PhD,** University of North Texas

Location: UNT, Denton campus

University Union, room 314A

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# 2019 Presenters

## Angela Ausbrooks, Ph.D.



Dr. Angela R. Ausbrooks, LMSW, joined the faculty in 2006 and holds degrees from the University of North Texas (B.A.) and the University of Texas at Austin (MSSW, Ph.D.). Dr. Ausbrooks is Assistant Director of the School of Social Work and Director of the Master of Social Work (MSW) Program at Texas State University. She teaches courses

at the BSW and MSW level in the areas of research, social work practice, human development, and policy. Dr. Ausbrooks' research interests include resilience, trauma, child welfare, juvenile criminal justice issues, and multiculturalism. She has extensive knowledge of the child welfare system and has conducted numerous presentations on trauma, resilience, human development, and multicultural awareness. Dr. Ausbrooks also provided leadership for an interdisciplinary working group tasked with examining student mental health resources at Texas State University and making recommendations to address identified gaps in University services. Dr. Ausbrooks continues to collaborate with faculty at Texas State and professionals within the central Texas communities on research and programming projects related to child welfare, resilience, trauma, the mental health of children and youth in public school systems, and adult learners in higher education.

## Kris Chesky, Ph.D.



Kris Chesky is a Professor of Music and Founding Co-Director of the Texas Center for Performing Arts Health (TCPAH) at the University of North Texas. He is an active jazz trumpeter with a unique academic focus on the occupational health challenges associated with learning and performing music. His efforts over the past 20 years, funded and recognized by the National Institutes of Occupational Safety and Health, Grammy Foundation, National Endowment

for the Arts, and the National Institutes of Health are contributing to the ongoing transformation of the music discipline. Under his leadership, the TCPAH now offers the first ever Ph.D. in Music with a Concentration in Performing Arts Health and the first ever Performing Arts Health Fellowship for Physicians.

## Jennifer Cowley, Ph.D.



As Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Jennifer Cowley is responsible for the main mission of the institution, including teaching, research and professional service as carried out by its academic programs and services. Dr. Cowley handles budget allocations for the schools, colleges, libraries, and academic support areas, and provides leadership in the development and supervision of programs, including changes in curriculum, degree programs, and organization, in conjunction with the deans

and representatives of the faculty. She provides leadership in the implementation of effective planning in academic affairs, ensures leadership and excellence in academic degree programs and support units. Dr. Cowley represents the academic interests of the university in off-campus activities as designated by the President.

## 2019 Presenters

### Kellie Cude, Ph.D.



Dr. Cude is an associate professor in the College of Education at Texas A&M University-Central Texas. She holds a BS in Social Psychology from Park University, a MEd in Curriculum & Instruction from Tarleton State University, and a PhD in Curriculum & Instruction from Texas A&M University. She currently serves as the

Assistant Provost, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Founding Dean of the Graduate School, and Interim Dean of the College of Education. Her research interests include postbaccalaureate education, curriculum development, early writing development, and teacher preparation.

### James Goeman, Ph.D.



Dr. James Goeman was born in Houston, Texas, and spent all of his formative years in central Texas. He received his bachelor's degree in Psychology from The University of Texas at Austin in 1991. While in graduate school, he worked as an English instructor for 10 years. He earned a doctorate in American Literature from the University of North Texas in 2000. He began his state administrative career in the Community and Technical

Colleges Division at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, which he joined as a Program Director in January 2002. His current responsibilities include academic transfer policy, new program approval, graduate policy, program review, and report writing. He now works in the Division of Academic Quality and Workforce, where he serves as Director for Graduate and Professional Programs. He resides in Austin, Texas with his wife and two daughters.

## Marvin Hackert, Ph.D.



Dean Hackert oversees Graduate School Fellowships, Student Travel awards, Faculty Travel Grant Awards, Big XII Faculty Fellowship Program, Faculty Research Assignments, Select Admission Program and works with the Academic Committee on new degree proposals. He also reviews applications for doctoral candidacy and related matters in Architecture, Business, Engineering, Natural Sciences, Nursing, Pharmacy, Computational and Applied Mathematics, and Neuroscience. He is the immediate Past-President of the International Union of Crystallography.

## Michael Monticino, Ph.D.



Michael Monticino is an accomplished professional with extensive experience in private industry and higher education. He has worked with a variety of private companies and government agencies, applying sophisticated analytics to obtain solutions to complex operational and management problems. He has also served in multiple roles as a university administrator, implementing significant organizational change, advancing research programs and developing educational programs to support the next generation workforce. He recently returned to the University of North Texas from the private sector. He currently serves as the Founding Chair of the Advanced Data Analytics program and Founding Director of the new Interdisciplinary Program in Analytics and Computational Science at UNT. Previously, he was President of Academic Analytics, LLC. He also served as UNT Vice President of Advancement, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dean of the Toulouse Graduate School.

## 2019 Presenters

### Dana Mordecai



Dana currently serves as chair of the Chapters committee on the NAGAP Board of Directors supporting NAGAP's 12 regional and special interest chapters, and serves on the Education committee. NAGAP is the Leader in Graduate Enrollment Management. She is the immediate Past-President of the Texas chapter (TXGAP), serves as the chair for the

Graduate/Professional School Committee of TACRAO and has presented at previous NAGAP, Ruffalo Noel-Levitz, TxGAP and TACRAO conferences on topics related to graduate recruitment and enrollment management. Dana is the Assistant Director for Graduate Recruitment at the University of North Texas.

### Felix Olschofka, Ph.D.



German-born and raised violinist, Felix Olschofka has toured as a soloist, concertmaster, and chamber musician throughout Europe, Asia, North America, and South America.

A proponent of contemporary music, he frequently presents the premieres of new works for violin and is a founding member of SWARMIOUS and TrioPolis. His professional background also includes concertmaster with the Terre Haute Symphony, guest concertmaster

with the Dallas Chamber Symphony and Shreveport Symphony, and associate concertmaster with the Brandenburg Philharmonic Potsdam, Germany. From 2011-2014, he led the Ensemble du Monde in New York City as their concertmaster. Olschofka is currently Professor of Violin and Director of Graduate Studies at the University of North Texas, and founder and director of the UNT Summer String Institute. He holds bachelor and master's degrees from the Music Conservatory Hanns Eisler in Berlin, Germany, a performance certificate from Indiana University, Bloomington, and a doctorate from the University of California San Diego.

## Suzanne Ortega, Ph.D.



Suzanne Ortega became the sixth President of the Council of Graduate Schools on July 1, 2014. Prior to assuming her current position, she served as the University of North Carolina (UNC) Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs (2011-14). Previous appointments include the Executive Vice President and Provost at the University of New Mexico, Vice Provost and Graduate Dean at the University of Washington, and the University of Missouri. Dr. Ortega's masters and doctoral degrees in sociology were completed at Vanderbilt University.

## Mahesh Vanjani, Ph.D.



Dr. Mahesh Vanjani is a Professor of MIS and the Associate Dean of the Graduate School at Texas Southern University. Prior to his appointment he served as the Chair of the Department of Business Administration and Director of Graduate Programs in Business at the Jesse H. Jones School of Business at Texas Southern University. Dr. Vanjani earned his Ph.D. in Management Information Systems (MIS) with minors in Managerial Economics and Production Operations Management from the University of Mississippi. He also obtained his MA in Economics degree and MBA degree from the University of Mississippi. His Bachelor of Commerce degree is from the University of Calcutta, India. Dr. Vanjani has a great passion for and is a firm believer in the value of higher education at the graduate level. As borne out by research and employment data relevant a graduate degree is of tremendous value regardless of the chosen career path post-graduation.

# Member Institutions

## Association of Texas Graduate Schools (ATGS)

Abilene Christian University  
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Houston Baptist University  
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Sul Ross State University  
Tarleton State University  
Texas A&M International University  
Texas A&M University  
Texas A&M University – Central Texas  
Texas A&M University – Commerce  
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi  
Texas A&M University – Kingsville  
Texas A&M University – San Antonio  
Texas A&M University – Texarkana  
Texas Christian University  
Texas Southern University  
Texas State University

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The University of Texas – Pan American  
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The University of Texas at Brownsville  
The University of Texas at Dallas  
The University of Texas at El Paso  
The University of Texas at San Antonio  
The University of Texas at Tyler  
The University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical  
Sciences at Galveston  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston  
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
at Dallas  
Trinity University  
University of Dallas  
University of Houston  
University of Houston – Clear Lake  
University of Mary Hardin–Baylor  
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University of North Texas – Health Science Center  
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Host Institution:  
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