

Weekly Update | November 2024

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dear Faculty and Staff,

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Scurlock Chair Search Committee meeting update

Last month, the search began for the Elizabeth Scurlock University Professor of Ethics in Artificial Intelligence, one of the highest-level professorships. The Scurlock Chair, established over 30 years ago by the generosity of the Blanton family, gives us the opportunity to bring yet another world-renowned scholar to campus and positions us to elevate our profile and impact in the worlds of Artificial Intelligence and Ethics.

This search is co-chaired by the Office of Science and Research Computing Institute (ODSRCI), and Rita Kirk, William F. May Endowed Chair of the Office of the Provost, Division of Corporate Communication and Public Affairs.

The [Search Committee](#) met this week to review and finalize the [position description](#) that will inform this strategic search. We look forward to sharing additional information in subsequent newsletters.

Provost Leadership Seminar Series

Each year, the Office of the Provost invites a team of emerging leaders who have been nominated by the

Business Analytics; or they focus on a single disciplinary area of research, such as Business or Medicine.

belongs to three different academic units: The Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, the Cox School of Business, and the Lyle School of Engineering. Faculty from all three of these schools and colleges participate in the program, and faculty outside of those academic units such as the Meadows School of the Arts, the Dedman School of Law, and the Simmons School of Education and Human Development can also offer courses and advise Ph.D. students. Click [here](#) for a list of current Data Science Ph.D. program faculty.

Cox School of Business hosts inaugural 'Cowtown' Accounting Research Conference

Last week, Cox School of Business and the Naveen Jindal School of Management at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) hosted the inaugural Cowtown Accounting Research Conference on Thursday, November 7, and Friday, November 8, in the James M. Collins Executive Education Center on campus.

More than 60 faculty, representing universities from across the country, participated in the inaugural event designed to encourage debate and discussion around important accounting research

for making this impactful event possible.

Inclusive Excellence

Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences faculty member publishes essay in The New York Times

Jonathan Malesic, Adjunct Lecturer in Dedman the Department of English, recently published a guest essay on the reading life of college students in *The New York Times*

In addition to teaching SMU students, Professor Malesic is an essayist and journalist with two decades of experience teaching writing and religion at the university level. His essays have appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*, the *New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *The New Yorker*, *Higher Education*, and many others.

SMU Lyle Faculty elected as a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

Professor for Global Development, has been elected as a (as94.34 Tm>21057>4() DaB Professor for G73