2014-15 Chairs and Professorships

A named academic position may be created by an endowed amount consistent with recently adopted guidelines.

The Abell-Hanger Professorship in Gerontological Nursing was endowed for the Harris College of Nursing as the result of a challenge grant offered by Mrs. George T. Abell '26 and the Abell-Hanger Foundation. The professorship is held by Dennis Cheek.

The William L. and Betty F. Adams Chair of Education was established in the College of Education by an endowment from Mr. and Mrs. William L. Adams. The chair is held by Molly Weirnburg.

The Charles F. and Alann P. Bedford Professorship in International Business was established through a bequest gift from Dr. Alann P. Bedford, who was awarded the honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1973. She was a TCU trustee 1975-88. This position aids the M.J. Neeley School of Business in emphasizing the increasingly global nature of business. The professorship is held by William C. Moncrief III.

The John Biggs Professorship in Ranch Management was established from a gift from the E. Paul and Helen Buck Waggoner Foundation in 1992. The professorship is held by Jason Faubion.

The Stan Block Chair of Finance was established in the M.J. Neeley School of Business in 2001 through the generous gifts of M.J. Neeley School of Business alumni and friends. The chair is held by Larry J. Lockwood.

The BNSF Railway Endowed Professorship in Leadership was established in 2012 by the BNSF Railway Foundation. The professorship is held by Mary Uhl-Bien.

The A.A. Bradford Chair of Religion was established by Mrs. L.K. Helen Bradford, in memory of her husband, A.A. "Jack" Bradford, an alumnus and trustee of TCU. The chair is held by David Moessner.

The I. Wylie and Elizabeth M. Briscoe Professorship was established in Brite Divinity School in honor of the Briscoes. The professorship in Hebrew bible is held by James Duke.

The Harold Glen Brown Lecturer in Pastoral Ministry was established in Brite Divinity School by Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Leibrock of Midland, Texas. This position will be filled at a later time.

The Herman Brown Chair of Political Science was created through an endowment grant by The Brown Foundation, Inc. of Houston to recognize distinguished achievement in the field of political science. The chair is held by James M. Scott.

The Philip J. and Cheryl C. Burguieres Professorship in Communication Studies was established by Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Burguieres of Houston, Texas. The professorship is held by Paul Schrodt.

The Burnett Ranches Endowed Professorship in Ranch Management was established in 1990 by the Anne Burnett and Charles Tandy Foundation. The professorship is held by Larry J. Lockwood.

The Charles Fischer Catholic Professorship in New Testament was established in Brite Divinity School in 2004 with a gift from an anonymous donor and provides material support to Brite's vision as an ecumenical seminary. The position is held by Francisco Lozada, Jr.

Cecil H. and Ida Green Distinguished Emeritus Tutor was funded by an endowment from Drs. Cecil H. and Ida Green. This position provides an opportunity to name an emeritus tutor from among the ranks of TCU's emeritus faculty on a year-to-year basis. The position is held by Manfred G. Reinecke, Department of Chemistry; Ronald B. Flowers, Department of Religion; and Carroll A. Quarles, Jr., Department of Physics and Astronomy; and Donald W. Jackson, Department of Political Science.

Cecil H. and Ida Green Honors Chair was established by Drs. Cecil H. and Ida Green of Dallas, to bring to campus many nationally known visiting scholars, scientists, writers and other career persons on a rotating appointment program.

The Luther Henderson Chair of Leadership was established in the M.J. Neeley School of Business by an estate gift from Mr. Luther A. Henderson. The chair is held by Richard Lee Priem.

The Harold D. and Imogene Herndon Professorship in Geology was contributed by Dr. and Mrs. Herndon in 1978. The professorship is held by Richard E. Hanson.

The Harold D. and Imogene Herndon Professorship in Music was established in 1978 by a gift from Dr. and Mrs. Herndon. The professorship is held by John Owings.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Professorship in Ranch Management was established in the TCU Ranch Management Program by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Educational Fund. The professorship is held by Kevin Lee Johnson.

The Lyndon B. Johnson Chair of United States History was created through an endowment grant by The Brown Foundation, Inc. of Houston to honor the late president of the United States and to recognize distinguished achievement in the field of U.S. history. The chair is held by Alan Gallay.

The Ann Jones Chair of Special Education was established in 2010 through a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Jon Rex Jones. The chair is held by Malinda Crawford.

The Kay and Vellma Kimbell Chair of Art History was established through an endowment grant by the Kimbell Art Foundation in 1994. The chair is held by Mark E. Thistlethwaite.

The Addie Levy Professorship in Literature was created through a bequest of Mr. Dan A. Levy. The annual income from the trust fund is used to provide this professorship of world literature. The professorship is held by Linda K. Hughes.

The Robert and Maria Lowdon Chair of Finance was established by an endowment from Robert and Maria Lowdon to bring to the M.J. Neeley School of Business a nationally prominent scholar in the field of business. The chair is held by John Bizjak.
The Erma and Ralph Lowe Chair of Texas History, the first at any institution of higher education in the state, was created through an endowment gift from the Mary Ralph Lowe Foundation of Houston to honor Ms. Lowe's parents. The chair is presently held by David Gregg Cantrell.

Alberta H. and Harold L. Lunger Professorship in Spiritual Resources and Disciplines honors two lifelong ministers and teachers. Alberta Lunger was the first woman to be awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by TCU. Harold Lunger was Professor of Christian ethics in Brite Divinity School 1956-77. The professorship is held by Tim Hessel-Robinson.

The William Walt Matthews Directorship of the TCU Ranch Management Institute was made possible by a gift from friends and family of Mr. Matthews. The Institute was established in the 1990’s as an outreach accompaniment to the Ranch Management academic program. The directorship is held by Jeffrey C. Geider.

The Ross Matthews Professorship in Petroleum Engineering was established in 2007 through a generous gift from Ross B. Matthews '84 and his wife, Kathleen. The professorship is held by John R. Fanchi.

The Charles B. Moncrief Chair of Geology was established by Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Moncrief, Jr. in honor of their son, Charlie Moncrief '72, in 1984. The chair is held by R. Nowell Donovan.

The W.A. "Tex" Moncrief, Jr. Founding Chair of Engineering was established in 1991 by Mr. and Mrs. Moncrief. The chair is held by Efstatios Michaelides.

The W.A. "Tex" Moncrief, Jr. Chair of Physics was also established by Mr. and Mrs. Moncrief in late 1984. The chair is held by Zygmunt Gryczynski.

The M.J. Neeley Professorship in Management was established in 1981 to advance and strengthen the management program in the Neeley School of Business. The professorship is held by Charles R. Greer.

The M.J. Neeley Professorship in Marketing was established in 1981 to advance and strengthen the marketing program in the Neeley School of Business. The professorship is held by Charles W. Lamb, Jr.

The A.M. Pate, Jr., Professorship in History is funded by a generous gift from A.M. Pate, Jr., and family. The professorship is currently awarded to a faculty member in the Department of History and Geography in recognition for excellence in research and writing and is designed to assist the awardee with support for completing a book project. The professorship is held by Peter A. Szok.

The Neville G. Penrose Chair of Latin American Studies was established in 1985 by an anonymous gift to honor Dr. Penrose's interest in Latin American/U.S. relations. The chair is held by Susan E. Ramirez.

The John William and Helen Stubbs Potter Professorship in Mathematics was established by a gift from Deedie Potter Rose and Rusty Rose in honor of Mrs. Rose's parents. The professorship is held by Robert S. Doran.

The Lillian Radford Chair of Rhetoric and Composition was established by a gift from the Rupert Radford Estate Trust and a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The chair is held by Richard L. Enos.

The W.F. "Tex" and Pauline Curry Rankin Professorship in Nursing was established at Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences by W.F. "Tex" and Pauline Curry Rankin. The professorship is held by Rhonda Keen.

Director and Jean W. Roach Chair of Laboratory Schools was established in 2005 through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Roach and the Roach Foundation to recognize the academic leadership in special education of the director of TCU's two laboratory schools, KinderFrogs School and Starpoint School. The position is currently held by Marilyn Tolbert.

Dean and John V. Roach Chair of the Neeley School of Business was established in 2005 through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Roach and the Roach Foundation to recognize the academic leadership and national prominence of the dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business. The chair is held by Homer Erekson.

The Deedie Potter Rose Chair of Art History was established in 2004 through a generous gift by Deedie Rose Potter to bring to the Department of Art and Art History a nationally prominent scholar in the field of contemporary art. The chair is held by Frances J. Colpitt.

The Rosalyn and Manny Rosenthal Chair of Judaic Studies was created by a gift from E.M. "Manny" Rosenthal and his wife Roz in 1997. The endowment supports a chairholder who serves as a faculty member in Brite Divinity School and direct teaching and research in Jewish studies for Brite and TCU. The chair is held by Ariel Feldman.

The Benjamin W. Schmidt Professorship in History is funded by a generous gift from Teresa and David R. Schmidt, M.D., in honor of their son Marine Lance Corporal Benjamin W. Schmidt, a scout sniper who was killed in Helmand Province, Afghanistan on October 6, 2011. The first holder of the Schmidt Professorship will start in the fall of 2015. The Saul B. Sells Chair of Psychology was established by a bequest of the late Dr. Sells, who founded TCU's Institute of Behavioral Research in 1962. The chair is held by Patrick M. Flynn.

The Lorraine Sherley Professorship in Literature was created through a bequest by Dr. Lorraine Sherley, a former professor in TCU's English Department. The professorship was established in 1984. The professorship is held by Sarah Ruffing Robbins.

The Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show Professorship in Ranch Management was established in 1998 by the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show. The professorship is held by Chris Farley.

The Granville T. and Erline H. Walker Professorship in Homiletics was established in 1991 in honor of the ministries of Granville and Erline Walker. The professorship is held by Lance Pape.

The John F. Weatherly Professorship in Religion was established in 1959 through an endowment gift by the A.D. Weatherly family. The professorship is currently held by Claudia Camp.

The Robert A. Welch Chair of Chemistry was established by The Robert A. Welch Foundation of Houston to recognize distinguished achievement in the field of chemistry. The chair is held by Eric Simanek.
The Eunice and James L. West Chair of American Enterprise was initiated by their 1980 gift. The chair provides the holder with the opportunity to communicate—through teaching, public outreach and research—an accurate and objective understanding of the purposes, functions and operations of American business organizations. The chair is currently unfilled.

The Eunice and James L. West Chair of Information Systems and Supply Chain Management in the Neeley School of Business is held by Morgan Swink.

The C.R. Williams Professorship in Financial Services was established by the family of C.R. Williams to bring an outstanding scholar in the financial services area to the M.J. Neeley School of Business. The professorship is held by Paul Irvine.

The J. Vaughn and Evelyne H. Wilson Professorship in Accounting was established in 2006 through a bequest of Mr. James V. “Tony” Wilson Jr. ’63. Mr. Wilson named the professorship in honor of his parents. The professorship is held by In-Mu Haw.

The J. Vaughn and Evelyne H. Wilson Professorship in Marketing was established in 2006 through a bequest of Mr. James V. “Tony” Wilson Jr. ’63. Mr. Wilson named the professorship in honor of his parents. The professorship is held by William Cron.

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The Betty S. Wright Chair of Applied Ethics was created from the estate of Betty S. and Hal James Wright ’32. The chair is held by Richard Galvin.

The Hal Wright Chair of Latin American Economics was created from the estate of Betty S. and Hal James Wright ’32. The chair is held by W. Charles Sawyer.