

Faculty Development Leave
University of Houston-Clear Lake
February 19, 2025

Name	College	Department	Faculty Title	Term	Pay (full/1/2)	Leave Reason
Jeong, Ki Young	College of Science and Engineering	Engineering	Professor	Fall	Full Pay	Visit Kyungpook National University in South Korea to expand and elevate a collaboration that would likely lead to international extramural grants and generate more robust research outcomes
Gu, Vicky	College of Business	Decision Sciences, Economics, Finance and Marketing	Professor	Fall	Full Pay	Dr. Gu's leave will be used to research how leadership enhances AI's role in project success. The study will identify key areas where organizations can leverage AI for a competitive edge. Insights from this research will help shape best practices for project managers and leadership strategies in digital transformation. Work during the leave will include development of two interconnected projects examining managerial abilities and firm performance.
Kovic, Christine	College of Human Science and Humanities	Social and Cultural Sciences	Professor	Academic Year	1/2 Pay	Dr. Kovic's project titled "Faith in Action Along the Texas Borderlands: Encounters of Solidarity Between Faith-Based Groups and Recent Immigrants." Her proposal is for a year of leave at half pay, to enable her to pursue field work at the Texas/Mexico border that will result in a book proposal, book chapter drafts, and academic articles.

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Hillerbrand,Stephan	College of the Arts	Art	Professor	Fall	Full Pay	25 year retrospective exhibition of work at FotoFest
Pollack,Howard	College of the Arts	Music	Professor	Academic Year	Half Pay	Write his ninth book: a critical biography of the composer Ernest Bloch
Smith,Robert	College of the Arts	Music	Professor	Fall	Full Pay	First, Compose a new work for the Houston Civic Symphony. This work will be premiered in 2025-26 season. Second, he will compose a new work for Contemporary Museum for All (CoMA), a UK-based organization. Finally, he will compose new chamber music that he plans to record for a commercial CD release.
Bunta,Ferenc	Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Communication Disorders	Professor	Spring	Full Pay	Visit Eotvos Lorand University in Budapest, Hungary to expand and elevate this collaboration to establish major research projects that would lead to international extramural grants and generate more robust research outcomes
Theissen,Amber	Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Communication Disorders	Associate Professor	Fall	Full Pay	Grant Proposal: Research project examining how motion influences the visual attention of children with autism; Key Word Project: Initiate a research line focused on the use of written supports for improved language comprehension for people with aphasia.
Aboul-Ela,Hosam	Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	English	Professor	Fall	Full Pay	Complete book manuscript, Reader in the World
Berger,Jason	Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	English	Professor	Fall	Full Pay	Complete the monograph Whale Undone: Melville, Modernity, and the Poetics of Actuality
LeCourt,Sebastian	Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	English	Associate Professor	Fall	Full Pay	Work on his second monograph, The Genres of Comparative Religion 1783-1927
Gutierrez,Pedro	Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Hispanic Studies	Professor	Fall	Full Pay	Complete for publication a book-edition of the chronicles of visiting New York written by a female Spanish writer from 1917 to 1921
McNally,David	Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	History	Professor	Fall	Full Pay	Research Project: "Radical Anti-Colonialism in Post-War France"
Milanesio,Natalia	Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	History	Professor	Academic Year	Half Pay	NEH Fellowship
Nguyen,Duy	Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Modern & Classical Languages	Associate Professor	Academic Year	Half Pay	Third Book Project: A monograph on Vietnamese philosopher Tran Duc Thao (1917-1993)
Hattab,Helen	Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Philosophy	Professor	Academic Year	Half Pay	Complete and submit a book length monograph on the problems of universals in the 16th and 17th century philosophy, Universals and Individuals from the Late Scholastics to Spinoza
Badas,Alex	Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Political Science	Associate Professor	Fall	Full Pay	Complete Research Project on the public's perception of the Supreme Court
Lee,Minwoo	Global Hospitality Leadership		Associate Professor	Spring	Full Pay	Collaborate in Hospitality Analytics and Innovation with MIT, UNLV, UFlorida, Kyung Hee Univ and Korea Aerospace Univ (S. Korea)
Duncan, Meredith	Law		Professor	Spring	Full Pay	Authoring a book about unethical lawyering for West Publications, in addition, working on a full-length law review article about the ethical obligations of law teachers and effective pedagogy in teaching first-generation law students.
Michaels, Andrew	Law		Associate Professor	Fall	Full Pay	Working on a project tentatively titled Intellectual Property and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, where I would explore the extent to which that Act (RFRA) could be used as a defense in Intellectual Property suits. RFRA provides, basically, that the government may not substantially burden sincere religious exercise except as necessary to further a legitimate governmental interest.