

University of Houston-Clear Lake

Dr. George Guillen (College of Science and Engineering)

Dr. George Guillen, retired professor of environmental science and retired executive director of the Environmental Institute of Houston (EIH), has long history of accomplishments in research, teaching, and service in his 20 years at UHCL. He joined UHCL in 2004 with an impressive resume of federal, state, and local government service, including research, management, and supervisory positions.

As the executive director of EIH, Dr. Guillen built the institute into an organization that became renowned statewide and nationally for its work in researching and monitoring the water quality of rivers and streams. Under his leadership, the EIH team provided valuable ecological information on endangered species and studied the challenges of development and climate change on coastal environments. His expertise in these areas equipped him to develop and teach eight different courses in aquatic and marine biology at the graduate and undergraduate level.

He also played a vital role in financially assisting students and staff after he received over 80 contracts and grants that brought over \$14 million to UHCL from major agencies. His admirable success in securing these contracts and grants provided continual funding and support for graduate students and a staff of well-qualified scientists and educators.

Dr. Guillen has been a leader in professional service throughout his career. He has served as a grant reviewer, on review panels, and a peer-reviewer for several journals. He hosted and moderated numerous public forums on local pollution issues and served in leadership roles for several national professional societies as well. Dr. Guillen also achieved recognition as an AFS Certified Fisheries Scientist and an ESA Certified Senior Ecologist.

Dr. Beth Hentges (College of Human Sciences and Humanities)

Dr. Beth Hentges is a distinguished educator and leader whose career at the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL) spans nearly three decades. She earned her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology, M.A. in Clinical Psychology, and B.A. in Psychology from the University of Houston. Following her academic accomplishments, she completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Texas-Houston, focusing on neuroimaging and medication treatment in children with ADHD.

Dr. Hentges began her career at UHCL as an adjunct faculty member in 1997 and transitioned to a visiting lecturer position in 2000. In 2002, she earned a tenure-track appointment as an Assistant Professor and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2008. She has taught various subjects throughout her career, including child development, lifespan development, cognitive psychology, and critical thinking. Dr. Hentges pioneered the “Psychological Thinking” course, a core requirement for psychology majors designed to develop critical thinking skills related to psychological research. She taught over 4,000 students during her tenure and received the UHCL President’s Distinguished Teaching Award in 2015.

In addition to her teaching, Dr. Hentges demonstrated exemplary leadership in faculty governance and departmental management. She was a department leader for over 10 years, serving as Psychology Convener, Undergraduate

Program Director, and Department Chair. Moreover, she played a pivotal role in the Faculty Senate for 14 years, including serving as President and chairing multiple Faculty Senate committees. Dr. Hentges is renowned for her commitment to academic excellence, student mentorship, and her substantial contributions to the UHCL community.

Dr. Robert “Bobby” Jones (College of Education)

Dr. Robert “Bobby” Jones made an indelible mark at the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL) and the broader educational community during his tenure from 1975 to 2024, after being recruited by the university's inaugural president, Dr. Alfred Neumann. Before joining UHCL, he distinguished himself at NASA as a missions planning and operations officer in the Public Affairs Office and served as a visiting professor at UH-Main. Notably, he developed a pioneering joint teacher education program between UH-Main and UHCL at NASA's request, leading to the establishment of the Aerospace Institute.

In 1985, Dr. Jones published the influential research work "Teaming Up," drawing from his extensive experience with NASA teams and the classroom management model of Martha Piper. His academic contributions continued to flourish between 1998 and 2004, during which he co-authored 28 science textbooks, including the widely-used 1998 Harcourt Science text, enhancing science education for countless students.

From 2007 to 2018, Dr. Jones collaborated with astronaut and esteemed UHCL alumnus Dr. Bernard Harris to assess the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp program, impacting over 220 middle school camps. His leadership extended to numerous initiatives, including chairing the establishment of the Martha Piper Award, directing the Energy Awareness Project, and overseeing the SACS Self-Study Program.

Above all, Dr. Jones's legacy is defined by the success of his 9,000 students. He emphasized, “I want them to learn content, but more so, I hope they learn cognitive, lifelong skills that go way beyond the classroom. I hope they take what they learn from my class and use it as teachers to help their own students learn.” His dedication to education and student empowerment will resonate for generations to come.

Dr. Judith Marquez (College of Education)

Dr. Judith Márquez has left a lasting impact as a faculty member of UHCL for over 30 years, achieving remarkable success across teaching, research, and service. As a passionate educator, she dedicated herself to fostering leadership skills in her students, demonstrating unwavering support for their growth, particularly for doctoral candidates, with extensive feedback and countless meetings.

Her research focused on bilingual education teacher preparation, yielding significant contributions through published works on topics such as gifted and talented education for language learners, Latinx parent involvement, and the development of academic Spanish skills among Spanish-speaking teacher education students. Dr. Márquez excelled in grant writing, co-authoring six funded Department of Education grants that amassed over six million dollars.

In addition to her research accomplishments, she served as the Studies in Language and Culture (SILC) Program Coordinator and Chair of the Counseling Special Education and Diversity (CSED) department, actively engaging in various college and university service committees. Dr. Márquez was especially proud to be a co-founder of the Minority Mentoring Association and contributed significantly to the Executive Board of the Texas Association for Bilingual Education for over a decade, including serving as President.

Her dedication and excellence have been recognized through numerous awards, including the President's Distinguished Service Award, the university's Hayes Diversity Award, a Faculty Fellowship, and the Texas Association for Bilingual Education Higher Education Award. Dr. Márquez's profound impact on the lives of alumni, faculty, and community members is a testament to her exceptional contributions in teaching, research, and service.

University of Houston-Downtown

Dr. Michael Connell (College of Public Service)

Dr. Michael Connell was a Professor of Mathematics Education in the Department of Urban Education from 2008 until his retirement in January 2025. He demonstrated excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service while at the University of Houston Downtown and demonstrated a strong commitment to mathematics education throughout his career. Some of his top accomplishments include, co-authoring a textbook, *Developing Deep Knowledge in Middle School Mathematics* (Springer, 2021) and a Best Paper Award from the Mathematics Education SIG of the Society for Instructional Technology and Teacher Education. Additionally, he has over 80 publications and over 90 presentations and invited talks on mathematics and technology education.

While at UHD, he served his department and the university through his commendable service work including serving on committees and mentoring new faculty. He taught a variety of graduate and undergraduate courses and was an active part of several externally-funded programs to recruit mathematics teachers. Beyond UHD, Dr. Connell was very active in a number of professional organizations and served in a leadership capacity in several including the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE), The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), and the National Council for Measurements in Education (NCME).

Through his teaching, service, and scholarship, Dr. Connell has made important contributions to the University of Houston-Downtown and his field. Dr. Connell is worthy of consideration for the status of Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Beth Pelz (College of Public Service)

Dr. Beth Pelz was an Associate Professor at the University of Houston-Downtown in the Criminal Justice and Social Work Department in the field of Criminal Justice. She began her career at UHD in 1990 and throughout she was integral to the development of UHD's Criminal Justice Program. She served as Department Chair of her Department as well as the Dean of the College during her tenure. Dr. Pelz was instrumental in the creation of the Master of Science in Criminal Justice and her leadership supported the growth of the program which became one of the leading graduate programs at UHD. Some of her major accomplishments while at UHD include developing important partnerships with community colleges allowing pathways for students with interest in criminal justice to continue

their education. Beth also created the Robert S. Browne Memorial Scholarship for criminal justice students helping numerous students be able to afford to continue their education.

As an instructor, Dr. Pelz brought her professional experience to her courses and helped to shape the curriculum to focus on important and contemporary issues in the criminal justice system. By teaching thousands of UHD students over her many years at UHD, she has had an impact at UHD but throughout the city of Houston, as well. Additionally, she created the UHD Bayou Connection a program that facilitates partnerships between UHD and universities in Taiwan. UHD has hosted almost 500 Taiwanese criminal justice students as a result. A unique scholar whose research sits at the nexus of scholarship and practice, Dr. Pelz's many publications and presentations have deeply impacted her field.

In consideration of her achievements in scholarship, teaching, and service, the University of Houston-Downtown wholeheartedly supports the granting of Emeritus Associate Professor status to Dr. Beth Pelz.

Dr. Ruth Robbins (Marilyn Davies College of Business)

Dr. Ruth Robbins' career at UHD spanned forty-two years and her accomplishments during her tenure have been impactful to the Marilyn Davies College of Business. Dr. Robbins was one of the pioneers of UHD's Management Information Systems (MIS) program. She developed and taught a variety of MIS courses including the first graduate MIS courses. A flexible instructor, Dr. Robbins taught in a variety of modalities to meet the needs of her students and the department. According to her colleagues, she was always highly regarded by her students as well as her peers. Among her achievements include the publication of a book, an impressive collection of peer-reviewed journal articles, and conference presentations. Dr. Robbins leadership at UHD is perhaps her most lasting legacy. Dr. Robbins served as an Assistant Department Chair, Lead Professor, Program Coordinator for the MIS Program, and as an advisor to several student organizations. Outside of UHD, she was a member of the Board of Directors for the Association of Computer Educators in Texas for over 15 years.

Dr. Robbins' forty-two years of service to UHD have left a lasting legacy. With her numerous achievements in teaching and scholarship and her outstanding service and leadership record, we enthusiastically nominate Dr. Robbins for this wonderful honor of Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Dagmar Scharold (College of Humanities and Social Sciences)

Dr. Dagmar Scharold began her career in the English Department at UHD in 1996 beginning as adjunct faculty and eventually as an Assistant Professor and then an Associate Professor. She served as the Director of the Writing and Reading Center from 2001 through 2016 helping countless students with writing. She was a favorite faculty member among her students and always demonstrated commitment to the success of her students. Dr. Scharold's scholarship focused on First-Year Composition pedagogy, university writing centers, college student mentoring, and university-community engagement. She demonstrated what it meant to be a practitioner researcher and brought her teaching expertise to her research and vice versa. In addition to numerous publications including book chapters and articles, Dr. Scharold also secured both internal and external grant funding to support her work.

Dr. Scharold's service record will have a long-lasting impact on the English department and on UHD. She served as Department Chair, the Director of First-Year Composition, multiple department-level committees as well as university committees. Outside of UHD, Dr. Scharold served her profession through various leadership positions in organizations, such as the International Writing Centers Association.

In sum, Dr. Scharold's commitment to student success seen through her teaching, research, and service is outstanding, and we find that she is more than worthy of earning the title of Emeritus Associate Professor.

University of Houston-Victoria

Professor Horace "Bud" Fairlamb (College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences)

After earning a Ph.D. in Intellectual History from Johns Hopkins University in 1983, Dr. Horace "Bud" Fairlamb joined the faculty at UHV in 1986. This was the start of a long and fruitful career that stretched for 38 years. During that time, Dr. Fairlamb helped nurture generations of students, engaged in important scholarships, and provided continuous service to UHV.

Teaching is one of the central tasks of faculty at UHV, and Dr. Fairlamb left an enduring legacy even as the university was changing. Dr. Fairlamb contributed to educating both graduate and undergraduate students. His teaching interests were varied because he contributed to the graduate and undergraduate programs in Interdisciplinary Studies and the English program. Extending beyond these contributions, Dr. Fairlamb taught numerous courses on film, some of which were part of the core curriculum. Students frequently described Dr. Fairlamb's classes as rigorous and accessible. He was committed to helping students engage in intellectual inquiry throughout his career at UHV.

Dr. Fairlamb's research can be best described as interdisciplinary because of his engagement with intellectual history and philosophy. More specifically, his research crossed the boundaries of Critical Theory and American Pragmatism. In 1994, he published *Critical Conditions: Postmodernity and the Question of Foundations* with Cambridge University Press, which is one of the most influential academic presses. In *Critical Conditions*, Dr. Fairlamb examined the work of some of the leading theorists and concluded that we must rethink the concepts of knowledge and meaning. Besides *Critical Conditions*, Dr. Fairlamb published multiple articles in high-quality journals. Dr. Fairlamb's search for knowledge has been steadfast because he attended conferences and published articles and reviews throughout his entire career. Until his retirement, he coordinated the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. Prior to that, Dr. Fairlamb served as the Chair of Arts & Sciences before UHV reorganized its academics and appointed deans. He also served one term as chair of the Faculty Council.

Professor Linda Hayes (College of Business)

Dr. Linda Hayes joined the business faculty at UHV as a visiting professor in 1998. Dr. Hayes taught more than 3,600 students in 20 different topics ranging from marketing-focused areas such as Principles of Marketing, Promotion Management, Business to Business Marketing, Services Marketing, International Marketing, Marketing Management, and Buyer Behavior to cross-discipline areas such as Business and Society, Business Finance, Managerial Finance, and Business Strategy and Policy. Dr. Hayes's primary research interests included strategy, assurance of learning,

perceptions, judgment, and choice. She relates her research to teaching in multiple areas such as global market strategies, trust, ethical stewardship, and program assessment.

As a business faculty member, she has published in many refereed journals, including Journal of Alternative Investments, Journal of Management, Journal of Business Ethics, Journal of Management Development, Journal of Applied Business Research, International Journal of Innovation, and many others. In addition to extensive University- and College-level committee service, Dr. Hayes provided significant contributions to the College of Business's initial AACSB accreditation in 2005 and has repeated those contributions as part of each re-accreditation effort every five years since. She supervised course assessments for both graduate and undergraduate programs and motivated faculty to participate in curriculum assessments to close the loops in assurance of learning. Her diligent efforts in collecting assessment data and putting together the required assessment reports for ACSB and SACS helped proactively prepare for the process of the AACSB accreditation for the College and the SACS accreditation for the University. A large part of the assessment framework used at UHV today is from what was put in place by Dr. Hayes during her time at UHV. Without her contributions, the College and University would not be where they are today in terms of assessment.

University of Houston

Professor Claudine Giacchetti (McGovern College of the Arts)

The Dean and Faculty of the College of the Arts request Professor Emeritus status for Dr. Claudine Giacchetti, Professor of French in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages. Dr. Giacchetti has been on the faculty of the University of Houston since 1990. Her contributions and influence on the discipline, department, and university are substantial. Dr. Giacchetti published, 4 books, dozens of peer reviewed articles, and several chapters. Her research has received national and international acclaim, and she has received multiple awards in recognition of her excellent and important work. Most notably, the French government honored Dr. Giacchetti with one of its highest awards for an education when she was knighted as Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques (Chevalier of the Order of the Palmes Académiques).

Dr. Giacchetti also excels in the classroom. She is a master teacher and has received the college's highest teaching award as well as two university Teaching Excellence Awards and the UH Global Faculty Award, in part related to her 20+ years of Learning Abroad programming. Dr. Giacchetti has also served in many and various leadership roles in the university, community, and internationally for more than three decades, including currently serving (2022-2025 appointment) as a member of the Fulbright Program's National Screening Committee.

In recognition of 35 years of outstanding research, teaching and service, I strongly support granting Professor Emeritus status to Dr. Claudine Giacchetti, in acknowledgement of her accomplishments and contributions and in honor of the legacy she will leave at the University of Houston.

Professor Jon Lorence (College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences support the nomination for Professor Emeritus status for Dr. Jon Lorence, Professor in the Department of Sociology. Dr. Lorence joined the faculty of the University of Houston in 1983 and retired in 2024. His contributions and influence on the discipline, department, and university are substantial. Dr. Lorence published 39 peer-reviewed articles (1 to 2 per year for the

first 30 years of his career) in the top Sociology journals, as well as more than a dozen funded studies reports for Texas Education Agency and several nonprofit agencies. Dr. Lorence also received several grants totaling more than \$420,000 during UH's pre-Tier 1 days, when many UH faculty were not seeking or receiving grants. He was valued by his departmental colleagues for his expertise and willingness to collaborate.

Dr. Lorence was also an excellent teacher, mainly teaching methods and statistical courses, and supervised or served on three dozen MA internship or thesis committees, as well as more than three dozen PhD committees in other departments and colleges – a definite sign of his ability and status as an educator and expert. Dr. Lorence has also served in many and various leadership roles in the university and was active in professional organizations, including the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Southwest Region Federation and the American Sociological Association. In recognition of 41 years of outstanding research, teaching and service, I strongly support granting Professor Emeritus status to Dr. Jon Lorence, in acknowledgement of his accomplishments and contributions and in honor of the legacy he will leave at the University of Houston.

Professor Susan Rasmussen (College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences support the nomination of Dr. Susan Rasmussen, Professor of Anthropology in the Department of Comparative Cultural Studies for Professor Emeritus status.

Susan Rasmussen spent her entire academic career at the University of Houston and significantly enhanced the university's reputation by her presence. Susan became interested in the peoples of Africa through being a member of the Peace Corps before her graduate training. This experience led her to focus on the countries of Mali and Niger and explicitly on the Tuareg peoples. She had 35 years of research experience in West Africa and has published extensively on the Tuareg. She is fluent in Spanish and French and also speaks Tamajaq and Hausa (all languages of northwest Africa).

In 1990 Susan arrived at the University of Houston as an Assistant Professor. She earned tenure and became an Associate Professor in 1996 and a Full Professor in 2000. Her rapid progress in promotions reflected her extraordinary productivity in terms of publications, something that did not abate after she earned promotion to Full Professor in 2000. Susan has authored some 110 articles and book chapters as well as published 6 books. She regularly taught her courses and engaged with both undergraduate and graduate students, being the committee chair for 24 MA theses. She earned grant monies from the Wenner-Gren Foundation on 3 occasions and was also the recipient of a 2-year Fulbright grant. Furthermore, throughout her time at UH, she always carried out committee work at the department level and also was engaged in committees at the university level.

In short, Susan Rasmussen's track record at UH and the prestige that her hard work has brought to the institution justifies her recognition as an Emeritus faculty member.

Professor Robert Buzzanco (College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences support the nomination of Dr. Robert Buzzanco, Professor in the Department of History for Professor Emeritus status. Dr. Buzzanco joined the faculty of the University of Houston in 1995. His contributions and influence on the

discipline, department, and university are substantial. Dr. Buzzanco published two monographs, one of which received a major award, a co-edited volume, and a 2014 textbook on American History from the Civil War to present that remains in use today. He has also published many articles and chapters in peer reviewed journals and books, but in the last decade or so he has focused on more public outlets. The articles are written from an academic perspective and with academic rigor (i.e., based on fact, theory, and logic), but aimed at a public audience. Dr. Buzzanco also has a regular podcast and a blog and has contributed editorials to various newspapers and popular magazines. He received several internal and external grants in support of his work during his career.

Dr. Buzzanco is also an engaging and excellent teacher. While he taught many courses over the years, recently he is teaching large sections of the American History Core course to approximately 1200 students per year – he likely has taught more than 10,000 UH students. His lively and stimulating teaching style is appreciated by students, most of whom are not taking the course by choice, of course. He received a university Teaching Excellence Award in 2006. With respect to graduate studies, he chaired 15 PhD or MA committees.

Dr. Buzzanco served on many department and college committees and was Chair of History from 2007- 2009. He coordinated Noam Chomsky and Ralph Nader's respective visits to UH in the early 2000s. He has long served as a reviewer for many journals and presses. In recognition of 30 years of outstanding research, teaching and service, I strongly support granting Professor Emeritus status to Dr. Robert Buzzanco, in acknowledgement of his accomplishments and contributions and in honor of the legacy he will leave at the University of Houston.

Professor Karl Ittmann (College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences support the nomination of Dr. Karl Ittmann, Professor in the Department of History for Professor Emeritus status. Professor Ittmann is a noted scholar in British and Imperial history, particularly the intersection of economic and social history in the 19th and 20th centuries. He has authored three monographs and several peer-reviewed journal articles, and he is also lead editor and contributor to an important collected volume. His books reflect top-notch scholarship and have been published by the leading presses in his field. Professor Ittmann's scholarly work is highly regarded by his peers and has made a significant impact on his field.

Across his entire career, Professor Ittmann has been a dedicated and popular teacher. He has taught everything from large Core courses like Western Civilization to advanced graduate seminars. His suite of undergraduate courses - which focus on British, imperial, and European history in the modern era - are sought after by students and nearly always full. Professor Ittmann has played a vital role in our graduate program, teaching a variety of both readings and research seminars on modern British, European, and Imperial history. He has directed eight PhD dissertations and five MA theses over the years, and he has served as a committee member for many more. Most of his doctoral mentees have gone on to hold tenure-line academic jobs at institutions in the US, the UK, and South Asia. He has been an asset to the department and has had an impact on many hundreds of our undergraduate and graduate students.

Throughout his career at UH, Professor Ittmann has been a good academic citizen. He has served on every one of the History Department's standing committees, both elective and appointive, as well as on several faculty search committees and other ad hoc committees and task forces. In addition to significant departmental service, he also

served on the UH Faculty Senate for a number of years, and he chaired the Faculty Senate's Faculty Affairs Committee for a year. Beyond the university, he also has engaged in professional service, including manuscript reviews for various presses and journals, review panelist for NEH and Fulbright, and multiple leadership activities in the Western Conference on British Studies.

Professor Karl Ittmann has, without a doubt, "made a significant contribution to the university through a long and distinguished record of scholarship, teaching, and/or service", the standard for emeritus status.

Professor Susan Robbins (Graduate College of Social Work)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of Graduate College of Social Work support the nomination of Susan Robbins for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Dr. Susan P. Robbins has devoted an extraordinary 45 years to our institution, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to teaching, scholarship, and service at the Graduate College of Social Work.

Dr. Robbins holds the prestigious title of Cele S. and Samuel D. Keeper Endowed Professor in Social Justice and has previously served as the Associate Dean for Doctoral Education at GCSW. Her remarkable career has been recognized at the highest levels, including her designation as an NASW Pioneer by the National Association of Social Workers Foundation—an honor reserved for those who have made significant and lasting contributions to the profession.

Her scholarly impact is vast, with appointments to the Executive Board of the American Board of Forensic Social Workers and the American College of Forensic Examiners, as well as service on multiple editorial boards of leading academic journals. As Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Social Work Education (2013-2016), her editorials garnered widespread acclaim, further solidifying her reputation as a leading voice in social work education. Her textbook, Comparative Human Behavior Theory: A Critical Perspective for Social Work Practice, remains a cornerstone in social work curricula across the country.

Beyond her academic and research accomplishments, Dr. Robbins has significantly influenced social work education and practice. She has provided consultation and training for Children's Protective Services in Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, leading to numerous invited presentations at national, regional, and local conferences. Her expertise in forensic social work has also been recognized through certifications, including the Board-Certified Diplomate in Clinical Social Work and multiple advanced forensic social work certifications.

Dr. Robbins has been a pioneer in expanding access to social work education, having introduced the first online courses at GCSW utilizing television broadcasts to reach students. She remains a steadfast advocate for online learning, ensuring the continued evolution of our program to meet the needs of diverse learners. Her influence extends deeply into curriculum development, having designed and led the development of numerous courses, including but not limited to Confronting Oppression and Injustice, Human Behavior and Social Environment: Social Work Perspectives, Comparative Human Behavior Theory, Drugs in Society, and Mediation for Social Work Practice. As the foundation chair for the MSW curriculum in the early 2000s, Dr. Robbins developed a unique one-semester foundation curriculum, which gained national recognition among social work programs. Her leadership in

accreditation efforts has been instrumental not only at GCSW but also in guiding other MSW programs across the country through their reaccreditation processes.

Among her many accolades, Dr. Robbins has received the National Faculty Excellence Award for Outstanding Contribution to Distance Education (1998), the Outstanding Faculty Award at GCSW (1988, 1993, 2005), the Sol Gothard Lifetime Achievement Award in Forensic Social Work (2016), and the Hamline University Alumni Award for Making the World a Better Place (2019). She received the Tulane University School of Social Work's 1914 Distinguished Alumni Award in Academia and Research in November 2024. Dr. Robbins' mentorship has shaped the careers of countless social workers, including renowned researcher and author Brené Brown, whose dissertation she chaired. To this day, she continues to mentor and chair dissertations, demonstrating her lifelong dedication to fostering the next generation of social work leaders.

Given her exceptional contributions to academia, research, and the field of social work, Dr. Robbins is deserving of the honor of Emeritus Professor. Her legacy at the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work is clear and this designation will ensure that her impact continues to be recognized for years to come.

Associate Professor Romi Ghose (College of Pharmacy)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of College of Pharmacy support the nomination of Romi Ghose for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Dr. Romi Ghose joined the University of Houston College of Pharmacy as an Assistant Professor in 2006. She was granted tenure in 2014 and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. Dr. Ghose took early retirement from UH in 2025. Dr. Ghose received her PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Notre Dame in 1999. Prior to joining UH, she was a Post-doctoral Associate, Post-doctoral Fellow, and Instructor at the Baylor College of Medicine. She also briefly worked as a Staff Scientist in a small biotech company in Houston in between her two post-doctoral appointments.

Dr. Ghose's laboratory at UH focused on drug metabolism and drug toxicity research. Her research was funded by NIH, and grants from UH and other foundations. Her collaborators were spread all over the US, that included UH, Baylor College of Medicine, NASA, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, UT- Austin, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Emory University, and others. Dr. Ghose published over 55 articles in leading peer-reviewed journals that have been cited about 1000 times. She was invited to write review articles for four scholarly publications, including a book chapter. She gave several invited lectures at national and international institutions, conferences and chaired a session at one of the national meetings. Dr. Ghose received UH Provost's Faculty Travel Award twice, in 2008 and 2016. In 2014, one of her publications received the outstanding honor of being selected as a Journal Highlights by the American Association of Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET).

Dr. Ghose developed and taught several Pharmaceutics courses at UH, both for the graduate (PhD) and professional (PharmD) programs. She was also the Course coordinator for 2 graduate-level courses and 1 PharmD course. She mentored 6 doctoral students, 1 post-doctoral fellow, 1 research technician, several PharmD students, and numerous undergraduate students in her laboratory at UH. Her doctoral students received extramural awards and other awards from UH for their research work. She also served in the dissertation committees of 20+ graduate

students at UH and UT-Austin. In 2010, Dr. Ghose received a Faculty Development Initiative Program (FDIP) Teaching Award at UH.

Dr. Ghose was an active member of the faculty at UH and served on several Departmental, College and University-wide committees. She was a long-standing member of the Graduate Education Committee, Faculty Evaluation Committee, and PPS Scholar-in-Residence Symposium Committee at the Departmental level. She chaired the Faculty Development Committee at the College level for 3 years and served on the Information Technology Committee, Curriculum Committee and Experiential Committees for 3-5 years. At the University level, she was elected to serve in the Faculty Senate and served for 3 years. Dr. Ghose was the Department nominee for Cougar Chairs Leadership Academy in 2017.

Dr. Ghose served in the Editorial board of three peer-reviewed journals. She also reviewed manuscripts for about 20 peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Ghose was a regular grant reviewer for NIH and reviewed grants for several UH programs (e.g., Gear Grant and Vision Science Grants to Advance Research).

Professor Ke-He Ruan(College of Pharmacy)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of College of Pharmacy support the nomination of Ke-He Ruan for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Ke-He Ruan, M.D., Ph.D., retired on January 15, 2025, after 37 years of scientific contributions to Texas universities, including the last 18 years at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy (UHCOP). His tenure as a professor, researcher, and mentor has made significant contributions to pharmacology, medicinal chemistry, vascular biology, and drug discovery. His work has advanced scientific understanding and therapeutic development in these fields.

Dr. Ruan earned an M.D. from Fujian Medical University and a Ph.D. in Biomedical Science from the Medical College of Miyazaki. He completed a fellowship in biochemistry at Baylor College of Medicine before beginning his independent career at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHhealth), where he served as a faculty member from 1991 to 2007, rising through the ranks to tenured Professor. He also held leadership roles as Associate Director and later Director of the Vascular Biology Course at the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, jointly operated by UTHealth and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. In 2007, he joined UHCOP as a Professor and served as Director of the Center for Experimental Therapeutics and Pharmacoinformatics. He was also an adjunct faculty at UTHealth's Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences for several years. Additionally, since 2005 he has been affiliated with the Texas Heart Institute.

Dr. Ruan's research focused on the molecular and cellular regulation of lipid metabolites in diseases such as inflammation, heart disease, cancer, and vascular disorders. His work on prostacyclin (PGI₂), prostaglandin E₂ (PGE₂), and thromboxane A₂ (TXA₂) has illuminated their critical roles in vascular, cancer, and neuronal diseases. One of his most groundbreaking achievements was the development of Biolink Technology, such as an Enzymelink—innovative single-chain hybrid enzyme complexes with triple catalytic functions that revolutionize the control of arachidonic acid metabolites. This technology selectively enhances PGI₂ biosynthesis while suppressing TXA₂ and PGE₂ production, offering therapeutic potential for preventing endothelial dysfunction and ischemic heart disease. It can also enhance inflammatory PGE₂ production, serving as a specific drug target for developing next-

generation anti-inflammatory drugs with fewer side effects. Additionally, Enzymelink selectively boosts TXA2 production, making it a potential anti-bleeding agent and a tool for studying TXA2 effects on cancer immunity. Enzymelink can also be used for screening compounds targeting downstream pro-inflammatory mPGES-1 paving the way for next-generation anti-inflammatory drugs overcoming the side effects associated with NSAIDs. He has also extended this technology to active single-chain GPCR-G-protein complexes by linking G-protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) to specific G-proteins. These platforms have opened new therapeutic pathways for vascular diseases and GPCR-related conditions. Finally, Dr. Ruan identified the negative impact of aspirin on heart repair due to their suppression of human stem cell growth, which could delay tissue regeneration and reduce the heart's healing after a myocardial infarction.

Dr. Ruan has filed numerous patents. In 2024, he was granted a patent for Biolink, a single polypeptide chain insulin capable of stabilizing glucose levels up to three times longer than conventional insulin. This innovation could reduce production costs while extending injection intervals for patients with Type 1 diabetes. He also has multiple U.S. patents pending approval from the U.S. Patent Office, which include mPGES-1 inhibitors, Enzymelink gene, cell lines, hybrid proteins, and the Vaccine-Link platform.

As an educator and mentor, Dr. Ruan has influenced medical professionals and Ph.D. students. He served as the graduate advisor for more than ten Ph.D. students and mentored numerous M.D., Ph.D., and M.D./Ph.D. postdoctoral fellows, as well as medical and pharmacy professional students. Additionally, I have trained dozens of postgraduate students who were successfully accepted into medical or pharmacy schools through programs like the UH Summer Research Fellowship Program (SURF). He was also dedicated to train high school science teachers through NIH supplemental grants.

Dr. Ruan received numerous grants from prestigious organizations such as the National Institutes of Health, American Heart Association, U.S. Army, private companies, and the Siemens Foundation. His groundbreaking discovery of "Super Enzymes" has been featured in prominent outlets like American Chemical Society News, ScienceBased.com, UHealth news, UH news, and more than ten national and international news sources. Dr. Ruan authored or coauthored over 100 articles in leading peer-reviewed journals such as Circulation, Nature Communications, Journal of Biological Chemistry, Cancer Research, Biochemistry, and International Journal of Cardiology.

Dr. Ruan's career is defined by dedication to integrating academic pharmacological and medicinal chemistry to understand patient-centered innovation for drug discovery. His discoveries in lipid metabolite regulation and GPCR signaling have deepened scientific understanding while paving the way for therapeutic strategies that will inspire future generations. Although retired from UHCOP, Dr. Ruan's pioneering spirit remains focused on refining his multiple patents toward commercialization. This ongoing work will define his retirement as he continues contributing to biomedical science.

Associate Professor Janet Meade (Bauer College of Business)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of Bauer College of Business support the nomination of Janet Meade for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

After over 36 years of distinguished service to the Department of Accountancy & Taxation, the Bauer College of Business, and her profession, Dr. Meade retired on January 1, 2025.

Dr. Meade had an excellent teaching record. She taught across the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs. In particular, she taught corporate tax, individual tax, tax research, and other advanced-level tax courses to undergraduate and the graduate students. In addition, she taught research design seminars to Ph.D. students. She won numerous College and Department teaching awards. She had strong teaching evaluations and many of her students have had highly successful professional careers.

Dr. Meade made significant research contributions in numerous scholarly publications in the taxation area. She was also active in co-authoring works in pedagogy and instruction. Dr. Meade served on editorial boards of leading academic journals in her field, such as the Journal of the American Taxation Association (the leading academic tax journal).

Dr. Meade also had a long and distinguished record of service to her Department and the College. She served as the Director of the MS in Accountancy program; Member or Chair of the Bauer College Masters Curriculum Committee; Member of the MS Accountancy Curriculum Committee; and Member of the Department Promotion & Tenure Committee. For her service contributions, Dr. Meade won the College Service Award.

Professor Thomas Noland (Bauer College of Business)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the Bauer College of Business support the nomination of Thomas Noland for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

After distinguished service to the Department of Accountancy & Taxation and the Bauer College of Business for 32 years, Dr. Noland retired on September 1, 2024.

Dr. Noland had a distinguished teaching record and taught across the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs. He taught courses in financial accounting, managerial accounting, financial statement analysis, and auditing to students at both the undergraduate and the graduate level. In addition, he taught a seminar in empirical financial accounting research to Ph.D. students. Dr. Noland received several teaching awards, including the Payne Teaching Excellence Award and the El Paso Faculty Achievement Award. He also received the Houston Alumni Organization Outstanding Faculty Award.

Dr. Noland published numerous scholarly articles and his research interests included the study of the economic value of accounting information and independent audits. One of his papers received the Notable Contribution to the Auditing Literature Award.

Dr. Noland had a strong service record. He served as Chair of the Department of Accountancy and Taxation (2001-2004 and 2021-2024) and as Director of the Certificate in Accountancy Program (2004-2013). He also served as the Bauer College Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs (2013-2014 and 2018-2019).

Professor Robert Keller (Bauer College of Business)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the Bauer College of Business support the nomination of Robert Keller for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

After over 45 years of distinguished service to the Department of Management & Leadership, the Bauer College of Business, University of Houston, and his profession, Dr. Keller retired on January 1, 2025.

Dr. Keller has an excellent research record. He has over 60 scholarly publications, many of them in highest quality journals in his field. Some of his papers are among the most cited papers in the high-quality journals they were published in. Dr. Keller has a distinguished record of service to his profession, having served on the editorial boards of some leading journals in his field as well as on executive committees of major professional organizations. Notably, Dr. Keller is a charter member of the Academy of Management Journal's Hall of Fame, one of the most prestigious designations in his field.

Dr. Keller has a highly distinguished service record to the Department, College, and the University. At the University-level, Dr. Keller served on many important committees and was a member of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Keller also served on numerous College and Department committees.

Professor Leanne Atwater (Bauer College of Business)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of Bauer College of Business support the nomination of Leanne Atwater for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston. After nearly 17 years of distinguished service to the Department of Management & Leadership, the Bauer College of Business, University of Houston, and her profession, Dr. Atwater retired on January 1, 2025.

Dr. Leanne Atwater is a world-renowned scholar in the area of leadership. As an Endowed Chaired Professor, Full Professor, and former Department Chair, she has been recognized by the University as a top scholar. She joined the faculty in July, 2008. She is one of the most highly cited faculty in the College of Business. The University of Houston would greatly benefit from her continuing to be affiliated with it. She does research in the areas of leadership, self-perception, and gender. She has published over 60 papers in highly respected journals. In 2021, she won the Eminent Leadership Scholar Award from the Network of Leadership Scholars for her intellectual contributions to the field of leadership studies – a prestigious national award. She is the former editor of *The Leadership Quarterly*, the world's best academic journal on leadership.

Dr. Atwater has an excellent research record. She has over 80 scholarly publications and is one of the most cited scholars in the Bauer College. Dr. Atwater has received numerous awards for research. She also has a distinguished record of service to her profession. Dr. Atwater has served on the editorial boards of some leading journals in her field as well as on executive committees of major professional organizations.

Dr. Atwater also is an excellent teacher. She has won the University of Houston Excellence in Teaching Award (2018) and the Bauer College Teaching Award (2015). She has also served on a large number of advisory and dissertation committees for doctoral candidates. Dr. Atwater's service record to the Department, College, and the University is

highly distinguished, having served on numerous University, College, and Department committees, including the College and Department Promotion and Tenure Committees.

Professor Thomas Oldham (UH Law Center)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of UH Law Center support the nomination of Thomas Oldham for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

By the date of his retirement, Professor Tom Oldham will have been with the University of Houston Law Center for 45 years. Oldham earned his J.D. from the University of California Law School in 1974 and worked in private practice in Beverly Hills, California until 1980. Professor Oldham joined the University of Houston Law Center faculty in 1980 as an untenured associate professor. The faculty recommended him to the University for tenure in 1984, and in 1986 he was promoted to full professorship.

Professor Oldham held two professorships during his tenure. He was appointed the Law Foundation Scholar in 1992 and then in 1997 was appointed the John H. Freeman Professor of Law, which professorship he has continuously held since then. The terms that established the John H. Freeman Professorship stated that the holder “shall be a person who maintains a reputation for excellence in scholarship and concurrently maintains a reputation for excellence in teaching.”

Professor J. Thomas Oldham has certainly maintained that standard as he has been a prolific scholar for over 45 years. He is the author of 8 books, numerous book chapters, and over 54 law review articles. His article, What If The Beckhams Move To L.A. And Divorce? Marital Property Rights of Mobile Spouses when They Divorce in the United States, 42 FAMLQ 263 was cited by three Texas appellate cases, eighteen journal articles, and the American Law Institute’s Restatement of the Law-Conflicts of Law and Arizona and Kansas practice guides.

He was invited by the Uniform Law Commission to join drafting committees for the “Uniform Recognition of Community Property Disposition at Death Act” and the “Uniform Premarital and Marital Agreement Act.” He was a member of multiple American Law Institute’s Consultative Groups. He served on Board of Editors for the ABA Family Law Quarterly, the Executive Committee of the Family Law Section of the American Association of Law Schools, and the Executive Committees of the Marital Property and Family Law Sections of the American Bar Association. Professor Oldham’s scholarship was cited by law journal articles over 700 times and in over 60 cases, which demonstrates his enormous influence on family law and other areas of law. In 2015, Professor Oldham selected as a Fulbright Senior Scholar at the University of Sydney and Australia National University. In 2000, Professor Oldham was selected to receive the University of Houston’s Excellence in Research and Scholarship Award.

Professor Oldham’s teaching is nothing short of exemplary as well. He has taught family law and Texas marital property rights for more than 30 years and authored three textbooks and numerous articles in those fields. He also has taught courses in mediation, Business Associations, Agency and Unincorporated Associations. Professor Oldham has also served as a visiting professor of law at Colorado, Cambridge, and George Washington law schools.

Throughout his time at the Law Center, Professor Oldham has served on almost every committee including the Ad Hoc “Other” Faculty Committee (implement University non-tenure track policy at the Law Center.), Ad Hoc New

Building Art Committee, Admissions, Appointments, Curriculum, Executive, Facilities, Faculty Development, Graduate Studies Council, Library, Post Tenure Review, Post Tenure/CEA Review (Chair), Promotion & Tenure, and Student Affairs

Professor Scott Gilbertson (College of Natural Science and Mathematics)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of College of Natural Science and Mathematics support the nomination of Scott Gilbertson for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

The Department of Chemistry Executive Committee has voted unanimously to support Professor Scott Gilbertson's request for Emeritus Status upon his retirement from the University of Houston in September 2025. Scott has distinguished himself as a creative and productive scientist and scholar, a dedicated and effective teacher, and an exemplary citizen of the department, college, and university.

Over his 15 years at UH, Professor Scott Gilbertson, the M. D. Anderson Chair in Chemistry and Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, has conducted nationally and internationally recognized synthetic organic chemistry research; taught superbly at the undergraduate level, including sophomore-level Honors Organic Chemistry and junior/senior-level Organic Chemistry of Biological Molecules, a course he developed; and performed exceptional service to the department, college, university, and scientific community.

He has been recognized as a Fellow of the American Chemical Society, and since 2021, he has been a Faculty in Residence at Moody Towers, where he and his wife mentored and tutored our undergraduates daily. In further service to the university, he has served and will continue to serve as an emeritus faculty member, as a bridge for UH to the Texas Medical Center through his work with the Gulf Coast Consortia. As an emeritus faculty member, Professor Gilbertson will undoubtedly continue to be a valuable source of advice and counsel to his colleagues in the Department of Chemistry and the College of NSM. Professor Gilbertson's exemplary academic career is entirely consistent with being named as a Professor Emeritus upon his retirement.

Scott has contributed substantially to the growth of the department, college, and university by conducting impactful, well-regarded research, serving as a dedicated, hands-on mentor and respected undergraduate instructor, and performing meaningful service. Undoubtedly, Scott's counsel will be sought by his colleagues for many years to come because of his extensive academic experience and success. It is fitting that we honor Scott's career by naming him Professor Emeritus upon his retirement in the fall.

Professor John Wolfe (Cullen College of Engineering)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of College of Engineering support the nomination of John Wolfe for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Dr. Wolfe joined the University of Houston in 1976 and has held every academic rank from Visiting Assistant Professor to Full Professor. He was honored as the Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering in 2010, a recognition of his sustained excellence in scholarship, teaching, and service. His extensive leadership roles include:

- Chair, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (1995-1996)
- Interim Dean, Cullen College of Engineering (1996-1998)
- Associate Dean for Research (1999-2000)
- Interim Chair, ECE Department (2009-2010)

Dr. Wolfe also directed several key research facilities including the Nanosystem Manufacturing Center and the Scanning Electron Microscope Facility, contributing to research capacity-building within the college.

Dr. Wolfe has demonstrated a commitment to education across multiple decades, having taught an exceptionally broad range of undergraduate and graduate courses in electronics, microfabrication, superconductivity, and electron beam technologies. His instructional influence extended to non-majors and interdisciplinary audiences, reinforcing his philosophy of inclusive, innovative education. He has supervised more than 25 Ph.D. students and over 35 M.S. students, many of whom have advanced to prominent roles in academia, national labs, and industry leaders such as Intel, NASA, and Applied Materials. His mentorship has had a transformative impact on generations of engineers and researchers.

Dr. Wolfe's research legacy is profound. His contributions to ion beam lithography, neural interfaces, superconducting electronics, and nanofabrication techniques have influenced both fundamental science and applied engineering. He has authored over 100 peer-reviewed journal articles, numerous conference presentations, and 18 U.S. patents. His work has been continuously funded for decades by agencies including NSA, NSF, DARPA, AFOSR, and various industrial partners. Notably, he pioneered key advances in neutral particle lithography and neural probe design, positioning UH as a national leader in micro- and nanoscale device fabrication.

Associate Professor Shirley Ezell (College of Engineering)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of Cullen College of Engineering support the nomination of Shirley Ezell for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Dr. Shirley Ezell joined the University of Houston September 1, 1970. For 55 years Dr. Ezell has worked tirelessly connecting students with career and personal growth opportunities. Her multiple roles within UH during that time have extended curricular and professional programs for students' success. Dr. Ezell has served UH in the following leadership roles:

- * Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs (10 years),
- * Interim Dean of the College of Technology (1 year),
- * Associate Dean of the College of Social Sciences (7 years),
- * Chair of Human Development and Consumer Sciences (6 years),
- * Retailing Internship Director (20+ years),
- * Classroom teacher and mentor (55 years)

Two aspects of Dr. Ezell's service as a champion for students, faculty, and programs, in addition to her long and meritorious service as a UH administrator, clearly illustrate her concern for student growth and development. First, Dr. Ezell directed the Retailing and Consumer Science (RCS) Internship. She interacted in very personal ways helping students select internships and monitoring their growth and progress. Many, if not most, secured jobs with their sites

upon graduation. Second, for more than a decade, Dr. Ezell organized and executed the Movers and Shakers Event, which hosted retail recruiters for a very focused retail career fair to benefit RCS students. This event was very complimentary to her role in developing and leading the Retailing and Consumer Science Advisory Board throughout her history at UH.

Associate Professor Rachel Hecker (College of the Arts)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of McGovern College of the Arts support the nomination of Rachel Hecker for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Professor Hecker will retire at the end of the spring 2025 semester, which will be the conclusion of a distinguished 33-year career on the university faculty. Over those many years Professor Hecker has ardently pursued her research, provided invaluable service to the School of Art, and taught and mentored generations of enthusiastic art students.

As a researcher, Professor Hecker has long been interested in the confluence of “high” and “low” culture. She has created a range of work effectively addressing how hierarchies are determined, and how images and communities are activated. In the past 40 years her work has been exhibited in twelve solo exhibitions and over 120 group exhibitions, regionally, nationally, and internationally. In concert with her exhibitions, her work has been reviewed and cited in numerous journals and publications including *Art in America*, *ArtForum*, *ArtNews*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Out Smart*, and *Art Review*. Professor Hecker’s work is also held in a number of public collections including The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, The New Orleans Museum of Art, The Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas, The Menil Collection, The University of Houston Public Art Collection, and the Dallas Museum of Art.

Over the length of her tenure Professor Hecker’s service to the School of Art has been exemplary and considerable. Rarely if ever would she refuse a request for her assistance or expertise. She provided vision and leadership for eight years as the Painting Program Coordinator, and for six years as the Associate Director of the school. She organized and administered the complicated 1999 move of the painting program from the ARA Building to the current facilities in the Fine Arts Building, and she composed a comprehensive analysis of the painting program for the recent and successful NASAD accreditation process. Professor Hecker also served on the School of Art executive, curriculum, facilities, and awards committees, bringing guidance and wisdom to each appointment.

Last, during her 33 years on the faculty Professor Hecker has been an outstanding teacher, mentor, and role model for an incalculable number of undergraduate and graduate students. She has stated that she regards teaching as “a sacred trust”, and she has consistently followed that ethos as an educator. Professor Hecker has always been regarded by her students with a calm respect, admiration, and attention—and that is the same regard she has afforded them. Her dedication and stature were confirmed in 2009 when she was given the Ross M. Lence Award for Teaching Excellence.

Professor Jerome Schultz (College of Engineering)

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of **Cullen College of Engineering** support the nomination of Jerome Schultz for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Dr. Schultz was actively recruited to the University of Pittsburgh in 1987 as Director of the interdisciplinary Center for Bioengineering and Biotechnology. He also founded a new Department of Bioengineering and served as its first chairman. In 1988 he became Editor-in-Chief of journal *Biotechnology Progress*, which he served on for several decades. He was also a founding fellow and past president of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering. He arranged the first meeting of American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering in 1992. Dr. Schultz continued his work on biosensors to develop a concept for the first implantable optically based glucose sensor. In 1994, Dr. Schultz was elected a member of the National Academy of Engineering “for integration of biological membrane transport and molecular recognition mechanisms for practical separation devices and bioanalytical sensors.” During his tenure at the University of Pittsburgh he was awarded the Marvin J. Johnson Biotechnology Award, American Chemical Society, which wrote that his work contributed to “bridging the gap between biochemical and biomedical engineering”. In 1997, Dr. Schultz also became a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Schultz has additionally served over the years as the chair of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers’ Food, Pharmaceutical and Bioengineering Division and the American Chemical Society’s Biochemical Technology Division. He has also served at the National Science Foundation as the Deputy Director, Division of Cross-Disciplinary Research and the Section Head, Emerging Engineering Systems.

In 2005, Dr. Schultz became a Fellow of the Biomedical Engineering Society. In 2008 the AIChE, in celebrating its centennial, has recognized Schultz’ contributions by naming him one of the “One Hundred Engineers of the Modern Era” in the category of “New Frontiers” He was cited for his work with biorecognition and bioreceptor sensors, synthetic membranes, transport in tissues, immobilized enzymes, and pharmacokinetics. In 2013 he became a Fellow of the American Chemical Society as well as the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. In 2017 he was recruited to his current position at the University of Houston as the Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Engineering.

Dr. Schultz has published >150 journal articles, many in high impact journals, edited 6 books and holds 5 patent awards. Over his illustrious career, he has trained and inspired a large number of students, fellows and faculty members. Dr. Schultz has been bestowed a long list of distinguished awards, invited named lectureships, nominated as a fellow of 4 prestigious national societies, including the National Academy of Engineers (NAE). He has also been named as one of “100 Chemical Engineers of the Modern Era” by the American Institute of Chemical Engineering.