

# UNT SYSTEM™ HR HIGHLIGHTS

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## FACULTY & STAFF

# Spotlight

### NEWLY PAUL, PH.D.

Assistant Professor  
Mayborn School of Journalism  
University of North Texas

[Dr. Newly Paul](#) is an assistant professor at the [UNT Mayborn School of Journalism](#) joining the team in Fall of 2018. Prior to joining UNT, Dr. Paul was a journalist in India and Los Angeles, which later helped her transition into academia and research. In Denton, she teaches various writing classes on news reporting, editing, and research issues related to media coverage of race, gender, and political reporting. Dr. Paul recently received the prestigious [Lillian Lodge Kopenhagen Outstanding Early-Career Woman Scholar Award](#). Click below and learn more about Dr. Newly Paul and her work at UNT.

[READ MORE](#)

If you'd like to nominate a faculty or staff member to spotlight, please email [communications@untsystem.edu](mailto:communications@untsystem.edu).

## SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT:



### Here's a great pitch for you to catch

Friday, August 26 at 7 p.m. is UNT Night at Globe Life Field as the Texas Rangers take on the Detroit Tigers in Arlington. Come celebrate your Mean Green spirit at Globe Life Field at this UNT hosted event!

Select tickets purchased for the event will come with an exclusive co-branded Rangers/UNT baseball cap.

Details on purchasing tickets will follow soon.

**YOUR  
BENEFITS  
DID YOU KNOW?**

## Fitness program benefits available to faculty and staff

Healthy living is right around the corner with a [Well onTarget fitness membership](#) available to eligible UNT System employees as part of your benefits package. You get discounted gym and fitness studio memberships and the convenience of being able to visit different locations -- go close to home, work, or wherever you might be traveling. Receive access to digital on-demand workouts led by world-class instructors. Family memberships are available with each family member able to customize their fitness package. [Enroll here](#) or call 888-313-5643. Once you're on board, you'll receive gym access, studio rewards, digital content, wellness discounts and more.

UNT System Human Resources has numerous programs and tools available at no cost to assist you with health or well-being issues, work-life balance, financial issues and more. Explore your [UNT System benefits](#), and follow this space for tips, programs and promotions.



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## Free, wellness resources are available – part of your UNTS employee health insurance benefits

- [Weight management](#) – Two free programs to choose from – explore which plan is best for your needs
- [Tobacco Cessation](#) – Two free programs to choose from – depending on where you are in your journey
- [Maternity Resources](#) – Learn about your HealthSelect benefits provided coverage for pregnancy and maternity care
- [Well onTarget](#)<sup>®</sup> – Tools for enhancing your wellness – earn points as you do and shop for fitness equipment with your points!

Additionally, there is a low cost fitness program benefit – [learn more about joining](#) and using the program to achieve your fitness goals.



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## Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and You

Did you know that free counseling for help with family, legal or financial goals is just a call or click away for UNT System employees? The Employee Assistance Program (EAP), powered by [ComPsych](#) and [GuidanceResources Online](#), can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

Call: 855.784.1806; TTY: 800.697.0353

Hable con un experto: 855-784-1806

Access benefits online: [guidanceresources.com](https://guidanceresources.com)

Acceda a los beneficios en línea: [guidanceresources.com](https://guidanceresources.com)

When prompted for your Web ID, enter UNTS. For more details: [Employee Assistance Program](#)



## HSC welcomes Dr. Shafik Dharamsi as new dean to the School of Public Health

After a national search was completed, HSC chose Dr. Shafik Dharamsi as its new [School of Public Health](#) leader. The school's current dean, Dr. Dennis Thombs, will continue to serve in an administrative role at the university as senior advisor to the provost and dean to ensure an effective transition. Most recently, Dharamsi served as senior advisor to the provost and visiting professor at New Mexico State University, where he helped advance the formation of the new College of Health, Education and Social Transformation.

Learn more: [HSC Newsroom](#)



## UNT Dallas welcomes Dr. Macario Hernandez as its first Chief of Staff

Dr. Hernandez was selected as the top candidate for the position after a nationwide search. He will be reporting directly to University President Bob Mong. In this new role Dr. Hernandez will serve as a key strategist representing the President in critical support roles, while focusing on local, political, school district and legislative initiatives. He also will be involved in university decision-making, administrative operations and the highest-priority work of the university.

Learn more: [UNT Dallas News](#)



## UNT System welcomes Christopher Pritchard as Associate Vice Chancellor Enterprise Infrastructure & Chief Technology Officer

Christopher Pritchard is responsible for the strategy, tactics, and operations of infrastructure services utilized by all UNT System institutions. The position provides guidance to help build, deploy and manage effective technology solutions to meet the needs of students and faculty. He is also responsible for ensuring the helpdesks are responsive and supportive.

Learn more: [CIO Cabinet](#)



## UNT welcomes new faculty members for 2022 to the College of Music

[Horacio Contreras](#) - Associate Professor of Cello, [Dave Hall](#) - Associate Professor of Percussion, [Jeffrey Hepker](#) - Assistant Professor of Commercial Music, [Chloé Kiffer](#) - Assistant Professor of Violin, [Erika Knapp](#) - Assistant Professor of Music Education, [Federico Llach](#) - Assistant Professor of Commercial Music, [Jessica Muñoz-Collado](#) - Assistant Professor of Music Business, [Stephanie Rhodes Russell](#) - Associate Professor and Music Director of Opera, and [Beth Snyder](#) - Assistant Professor of Music History. We wish you all the best at [UNT College of Music](#).

UNT SYSTEM CONGRATULATIONS:



### UNT's Sean Powell, Music education division leader to chair national (SMTE) executive committee

[Dr. Sean Robert Powell](#) has been named Chair of the [Executive Committee](#) of the [Society for Music Teacher Education \(SMTE\)](#). Dr. Powell is an Associate Professor and Chair of [Music Education at UNT](#) where he teaches graduate courses in sociology, philosophy, qualitative research, and music teacher education. The Society for Music Teacher Education was founded in 1982 as one of the Societies of the [National Association for Music Education \(NAfME\)](#).

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### HSC partner AyuVis selected for MassChallenge Accelerator 2022 Cohort

[AyuVis Research, Inc.](#) is a partner with the UNT Health Science Center at Fort Worth in its [HSC Next Innovation Labs](#) incubator program. MassChallenge will support AyuVis in developing a broader network of resources, especially as it relates to strengthening its business strategy and tap into the life sciences innovation ecosystem in DFW. Overall, these new opportunities, will strengthen efforts to solve medical needs in inflammatory and infectious diseases. [Suchismita Acharya](#) is Founder, President, and CEO at AyuVis. She is also an Assistant Professor at UNT Health Science Center. Learn more: [Fort Worth Inc](#)

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### HSC receives Healthy Kids, Healthy Families grant from BCBC of Texas

UNT Health Science Center at Fort Worth recently was awarded a \$25,000 [Healthy Kids, Healthy Families](#)® grant from [Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas](#) (BCBSTX). The funding will allow the university's Pediatric Mobile Clinic to continue to increase health care access for children across North Texas. The Healthy Kids, Healthy Families program centers on nutrition, physical activity, disease prevention and management, and supporting safe environments has been awarded more than \$20 million in funding since its inception, and this year will impact more than 5 million children and adults in Texas.

Learn more: [HSC Newsroom](#)

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## REMINDER UPDATES:



Did you make summer enrollment benefits changes?

## UNT SYSTEM™

### Office of the Controller

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTE: FY 2022 UNT System Campuses Year-End Processing August Deadlines

The new academic year is quickly approaching, and with that brings the end of Fiscal Year 2022.

Please click the following link for the [FY 2022 Year-End UNT System Controller Year-End Processing Calendar](#), also available on the UNT System website [FY 2022 Year-End Processing Deadlines](#) at the bottom of the page. This schedule does not apply to the Strategic Sourcing Team (Purchasing/Contracts/Accounts payable).

We greatly appreciated your assistance in processing documents, monitoring your budgets and purchase orders, and adhering to deadlines. Your collaboration will help ensure our records are timely and accurate as we close out another tremendous year for the UNT System.

If you have any questions, please contact your campus Controller Office:

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**\*\*Please note:** The FY 2022 year-end processing deadlines apply to all University accounts, including grants. We recognize certain grants may be multi-year grants or have a fiscal year that does not coincide with the University's fiscal year; however, year-end audit requirements mandate that the University report all of its activity, including grants, on an August 31 basis.



## Save The Date. Well-Being Calendar.

*Upcoming well-being opportunities from UNT System.  
Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#); Visit our [website](#)*

#### **Caring From a Distance**

Organized by ComPsych EAP

[Wednesday, August 17, 2022. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM \(CDT\).](#)

#### **The Sandwich Generation: Balancing Your Personal Life With the Needs of Your Older Parents or Loved Ones**

Organized by ComPsych EAP

[Wednesday, August 24, 2022. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM \(CDT\).](#)

#### **Motivating Change in Others**

Organized by ComPsych EAP

[Wednesday, August 31, 2022. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM \(CDT\).](#)

#### **Fitting Fitness into Your Workday**

Organized by BlueCross BlueShield of Texas

[Tuesday, September 13, 2022. 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM \(CDT\).](#)

#### **Fitness for Self Care**

Organized by BlueCross BlueShield of Texas

[Tuesday, October 11, 2022. 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM \(CDT\).](#)

#### **Keep Moving Through the Holidays**

Organized by BlueCross BlueShield of Texas

[Tuesday, November 8, 2022. 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM \(CST\).](#)



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