

# HR HIGHLIGHTS

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## FACULTY & STAFF

# Spotlight

### MARK ALBERT, PH.D.

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University of North Texas

[Mark Albert, Ph.D.](#) arrived at UNT three years ago and gave up tenure at Loyola University Chicago to start his Biomedical AI Lab right here. His lab focuses on machine learning for wearable devices to provide clinically useful measures of mobility, such as wearable airbag belts to mitigate falls in people prone to falling and using wearables to track the activities of toddlers to relate to long-term obesity. Considering his degrees in computational neuroscience, it's hardly a quantum leap to fathom why an imaginative late 1980s, early 90s TV series remains his favorite or why this husband to a fellow UNT professor and father of three considers a little-known Nobel Prize-winning scientist his inspirational hero. So, click the button below and get to know Dr. Albert.

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#### **HIGH FIVE: Two UNT music faculty members named Guggenheim fellows for composition work**

Faculty members [Panayiotis Kokoras](#) (pictured left/top) and [Sungji Hong](#) in the [UNT College of Music](#) earned the coveted [John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellowship](#). Hong and Kokoras, who both teach in the [Division of Composition Studies](#), were two of 180 recipients of the prestigious fellowship this year. Since 1925, the annual award has honored mid-career individuals in the U.S. and Canada for their “exceptional capacity for productive scholarship or exceptional creative ability in the arts.”



#### **HIGH FIVE: UNTHSC professor helps communities gain access to health workers through grant**

During the last two years, the pandemic has highlighted the health disparities that millions of Texans face, from local access to health care to being able to find and navigate accurate health information. One way to help bridge these gaps is through community health workers. [Dr. Teresa Wagner](#) is hoping to improve the health of Texas communities by making sure they have access to these workers. Wagner, an Assistant Professor at the UNT Health Science Center, is achieving this goal by providing free certification courses for those aspiring to serve their communities in the community health workers' realm, especially in rural and underserved communities. This work is being [made possible through a \\$272,000](#) grant recently awarded by the Texas Higher



## HR UPDATE

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 weekly for tips, programs and promotions.

>> [Fluid Finance](#) roll out updated timeline - **STAY TUNED**: The upgrade for the EIS finance portal's current plan is to migrate the site over the weekend of Friday, May 6 – Sunday, May 8, to be available to users on Monday, May 9. The current portal will be available for use until then (myfs.unt.edu -- VPN if off-campus), and we will keep you posted on the new schedule. If you have any questions, email [FIST@ad.unt.edu](mailto:FIST@ad.unt.edu).

>> **NEW DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE FOR HR HIGHLIGHTS**: Your trusty HR newsletter will now be delivered directly to your inbox on an every-other-week basis. Look for the next edition coming your way on Thursday, May 5th.



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Fitness Connect Community Discussion: How Fitness Can Improve Your Mental Health [Tuesday, May 10, 2022. 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM \(CST\)](#).

Fitness Connect Community Discussion: Get Fit Outdoors [Tuesday, June 14, 2022. 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM \(CST\)](#).



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