

# HR HIGHLIGHTS

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## FACULTY & STAFF

# Spotlight

**LISA HOBSON, PH.D.**

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**University of North Texas at Dallas**

**Lisa Hobson** is a longtime educator from a lineage of educators. She joined UNT Dallas in August 2019 as professor and interim dean of the School of Education. Her work strengthening K-12 and higher education partnerships led to her current role working under UNT Dallas President Bob Mong to further the university's unique mission through managing partnerships with municipal and community agencies, school districts and other colleges and universities. Outside the office, Dr. Hobson's interests include walking and jogging, traveling, visiting museums and parks, and attending cultural and community festivals. She loves taking in the Dallas Zoo and Dallas Arboretum. So, click the button below and get to know Dr. Hobson.

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## This Just In! News, Notes & Resources



**Have you reviewed your Total Rewards Statement?>>**

**Benefits available to UNT System faculty & staff**

Just before the start of the new year, UNT System introduced a new feature in the employee portal ([my.untsystem.edu](http://my.untsystem.edu)) called The **Total Rewards Statement**. It allows all retirement-eligible faculty and staff in budgeted positions to view compensation beyond base salary. It distinguishes any additional pay, health and retirement plans, vacation and sick leave, faculty/staff scholarship and other benefits, calculating a single figure that represents the total value of your compensation package. Just log in to the employee portal and click on the "Total Rewards" tile (pictured).

## Total Rewards



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### **HIGH FIVE: UNTHSC adjunct faculty presented with national honor recognizing teaching excellence**

**Keshia Baptiste-Roberts, Ph.D.**, an adjunct member for the Health Science Center's School of Public Health since 2014, was honored recently with the Abraham Lilienfeld Award from the Epidemiology Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA). The award recognizes excellence in the teaching of epidemiology during the course of a career. In bestowing this honor, the APHA Epidemiology Section noted that Dr. Baptiste-Roberts' work "has contributed greatly to our field and is held in high regard by students and professional epidemiologists who have, in turn, made worthwhile contributions to the field of public health." Throughout a lengthy career, Dr. Baptiste-Roberts' work has focused on diabetes, women's health, epidemiology, maternal-child health and public health.

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### **HIGH FIVE: UNT Dallas Chief of Police and UNT alum adds another impressive achievement**

UNT Dallas Chief of Police Christopher Shaw recently added another feather to his cap as a **graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy** in Quantico, Va. The FBI National Academy is the nation's premier law enforcement executive leadership training institution that less than 1 percent of police officers ever get to attend during their career. The 10-week intensive program provides coursework in intelligence, building community partnerships, communication, behavioral science, wellness and stress management, among other courses related to policing in our communities. Shaw has served in the UNT System since 2009 when he started as a police officer at UNT. He would go on to earn his master's in criminal justice at UNT before becoming the interim police chief at UNT Dallas in 2016 and finally police chief in 2018. Truly one of UNT System's finest.

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### WELCOME: UNT Engineering reels in researcher as chair of Department of Mechanical Engineering

[Mo-How Herman Shen, Ph.D.](#), a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at The University of Ohio State and whose research is supported by more than \$10 million in funding from various agencies and companies, including NASA, Air Force Research Laboratory, Honda R&D and ALCOA, has been named chair of UNT's Department of Mechanical Engineering. He is a recipient of the Air Force Research Initiation Award, ALCOA Science Foundation Award and The Ohio State University College of Engineering Lumley Research Award. Shen has published more than 200 journal papers, book chapters, U.S. patents and technical reports. He received his master's and doctoral degrees from the Department of Aerospace Engineering at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.



### 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.

>> **FINANCE PORTAL CHANGE THIS WEEKEND:** The conversion of the EIS finance portal to Fluid Finance is now scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Friday, April 1, and expected to be completed at noon Sunday, April 3. The portal won't be available for use during that time. Fluid Finance ([myfs.unt.edu](http://myfs.unt.edu)) will be available to all users beginning Monday, April 4. In the meantime, learn more about the improvements you can expect and find training registration links and other helpful resources at the new [Fluid Finance webpage](#). If you have any questions, email [FIST@ad.unt.edu](mailto:FIST@ad.unt.edu).

>> **ARE YOU PREPARED FOR SPRING WEATHER?:** Anyone who has lived in North Texas for any period of time knows how volatile our spring weather is, and we've already gotten a taste of it in the first few weeks of the season. Planning for spring storms isn't a joke -- it can save your life and protect your family during dangerous situations. For tips of items to have on the ready in your home and other safety steps to take now, [click here](#).



## Save The Date. UNT World Well-Being Calendar.

Upcoming well-being opportunities from UNT World HR.

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Fitness Connect Community Discussion: Fitness for Stress Management, [April 12, 10 -- 10:15 a.m.](#)



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