Dr. Cross arrived at UNT World as an Art History adjunct professor in 2015 and is now teaching interdisciplinary courses that touch on critical and fascinating conversations in the art and design fields such as ethics, race, gender and identity, and more. She is truly a student's professor — she loves to serve as a mentor and facilitate community engagement projects with her students. This wife and mom of two little ones (3 and 1) used time during the pandemic to connect her family with nature, but more than anything she's eager to reconnect with her students and colleagues on the Denton campus. Click on the button to learn more about Dr. Cross, including what she calls her "Denton legacy" that makes it an honor for her to work at UNT.

If you’d like to nominate a faculty or staff member to spotlight, please email communications@untsystem.edu.

Mental Health Awareness Month

Video series: May is Mental Health Awareness Month and considering the last year, our monthlong #UNTWorldCares initiative is right on time. Our "Ask An Expert" series delivers a weekly video featuring mental health experts from UNT, UNT Dallas, UNT HSC and UNT System. This week, Dr. Jamaica Chapple, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic & Student Success Initiatives at UNT System, and a licensed professional counselor, discusses why more than ever it's so important to create self-care opportunities, alone time, space to re-energize and re-invest in yourself to be at your best for your family, your job and, most of all, yourself. Please click on the video below to listen to all of Dr. Chapple's self-care advice and ideas.

Video archive: Dr. Priya Bui, HSC | Teresa Espino, UNT Dallas
Join one (or more) of our #UNTWorldCares well-being livestreams: Hopefully, everyone has explored our well-being sessions available (and even joined one or more). There’s more scheduled through the end of the month, presented by UNT World Human Resources in collaboration with faculty and staff at UNT, UNT Dallas and the Health Science Center. These sessions are candid and informative discussions covering every angle of our well-being -- created by us, for us. So, join us.

HIGH FIVE: 2 College of Music faculty shine on The Met Opera DVD release of Philip Glass' Satyagraha

A performance the New York Times describes as a "jaw-dropping Philip Glass opera" and "one of the Metropolitan Opera's greatest stagings of the 21st Century," Satyagraha, which dramatizes Gandhi's early activism in South Africa, features familiar voices -- and can now be purchased on DVD. Richard Croft, Distinguished Research Professor of Voice stars as Gandhi, and Professor of Voice, Molly Fillmore, is Mrs. Naidoo. Satyagraha can be purchased here or is downloadable on Apple TV. Bravo! Bravo!
WELCOME: UNT hires seasoned leader to expand strategic partnerships

From the Greenhill School in Addison to the Mean Green in Denton, UNT welcomes back Susan Holmes as its new chief corporate relations and government affairs officer. With 17 years of experience, Holmes will oversee corporate and community relations as UNT seeks to build additional strategic partnerships with elected officials, corporate partners and other key stakeholders in Frisco and across the North Texas region. Prior to spending the last three years as chief advancement officer at the Greenhill School, Holmes served at UNT as executive director of corporate and foundation relations in the Division of University Advancement from 2016-18. She begins her new role in the Office of the President on May 26.

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.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH: During this monthlong celebration honoring how generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have enriched America's history, we offer these fascinating stories curated by The Library of Congress, Smithsonian and others. We've made our own choice selections as well: Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir (documentary from the author of Joy Luck Club, whose novels intertwine the history of Chinese women, their experiences immigrating to America and the experiences of their American-born daughters); and this list of PBS-suggested books for kids as well as these movies and books.

REMINDER: Get details on the coming ERS Summer Enrollment period.

ON THE AIR: The Deep Side of Dallas talks PGA of America's partnership with UNT

The Deep Side of Dallas podcast is a new collaboration between UNT System and The Dallas Morning News that dives into local news and issues, and explores the past, present and future of the City of Dallas. The first two episodes are available now on your favorite podcast platforms. In Episode 1, UNT alumnus and historian Dr. George Keaton digs into the difficult history of Black Dallas. Episode 2 welcomed PGA of America Senior Director Dawes Marlatt, Jr. discussing the organization's partnership with UNT; and DMN sports columnist Tim Cowlishaw on the AT&T Byron Nelson's latest move from southern Dallas to McKinney.

On Demand: COVID-19: Leading During Uncertain Times Available any time
On Demand: Employee Overview of Family and Medical Leave Act Available any time
Beyond Bubble Baths: Self-Care & Mindfulness Through a Pandemic May 25 from 11 a.m. - noon

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