Dr. Watson is one reason why UNT at Frisco is such an exciting campus. A Clinical Assistant Professor in the Applied Arts and Sciences program since October, 2019, her educational background includes a B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M, an M.S. in Agricultural Education from Texas A&M, and a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics from Texas Tech. Now at home at UNT, she’s helping non-traditional students all over the world achieve their dreams while balancing life responsibilities through the Applied Arts & Sciences degree launched on Coursera. Of course, there's more to her than her love of teaching, like her love of zero-turn mowers, tennis and Taylor Swift. Yep, click the button to learn more.

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

UNT System HR brings you UNT World experts with this periodic and always timely installation called "Ask An Expert." So, let's ask...

EXPERT: Dr. Michael Carletti, Assistant Professor of Dermatology at UNT HSC and Assistant Program Director of the Medical City Weatherford Dermatology Residency Program, practices medical, surgical, and cosmetic dermatology ranging from diagnosing and treating skin cancers to performing neuromodulator injections such as Botox, Dysport, and Xeomin.

The Texas summer sun is intense, can be extreme and is always a danger to cause skin damage, multiple types of skin cancer, eye damage and even immune system suppression. Fortunately, we have experts at UNT World and HSC's Dr. Michael Carletti is here to make sense of sunscreens, SPF5, UVAs, UVBs and how best to protect ourselves and our families from the sun's harsh rays. Click the button below for everything you need to know.
HIGH FIVE: UNT art history professor takes home the "Arab Nobel Prize"
Dr. Nada Shabout, professor of art history and coordinator of UNT’s Contemporary Arab and Muslim Cultural Studies Initiative, received the Kuwait Prize for Arts and Literature from the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences. Known regionally as the "Arab Nobel Prize," the award recognizes Shabout's lifetime contributions to the study and teaching of modern Arab visual art. She is one of the world’s leading scholars in modern Arab art, wrote a prime text used in its teaching and is working on several other books. At UNT, she introduced one of the world’s first university art history classes on the subject. And her research on artwork burned and looted during the Iraq War became part of the Modern Art Iraq Archive, an open-access digital resource she created with The Alexandria Archive Institute through a National Endowment for the Humanities grant.

HIGH FIVE: Double dose of big news for UNT College of Engineering faculty
Computer Science and Engineering professor and interim department chair Yan Huang (left/top) was named a UNT Regents Professor for her contributions to research in the field of computer science at the national and international levels, and for her work in advancing the college's initiatives in teaching and service. Also, Jincheng Du, a professor in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, was elected Fellow of ASM International for significant contributions to the study of glasses, ceramics and other materials for functional and structural applications. Congrats!

WELCOME: Mean Green basketball hires new Director of Basketball Operations
Coach Grant McCasland and the reigning Conference USA champion Mean Green basketball program recently hired Andre Shaw as Director of Basketball Operations. A respected player-development coach, Shaw brings nearly 10 years of coaching experience at the Division II and junior-college level. In his new role, Shaw will be in charge of the day-to-day operations of the Mean Green program. Shaw, a New York City native and former standout guard at Western New England, previously coached at Midwestern State, Eastern New Mexico and Collin College. Welcome to the Mean Green and UNT World family, Coach Shaw!
COMING SOON: UNT System shared workspaces to be available via reservation at all locations through 'hoteling program'

As we continue to adjust operating procedures following the pandemic, the UNT System is preparing to launch a "hoteling program" that will make shared workspaces available via reservation for remote workers on days they are working at a campus or system location.

Details for this program are still being finalized and will vary by location. Rest assured that safety protocols, including workspace sanitization, will be part of this new reservation-based program that will benefit remote workers. Look for additional details to be announced soon.

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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.

SUMMER BENEFITS ENROLLMENT CLOSING SOON FOR UNT EMPLOYEES:
The summer enrollment period for making changes to benefit elections — insurance, disability, TexFlex — remains open for ALL UNT World employees. UNT employees have until Saturday, July 10 to make changes, while UNT System, UNT Dallas and HSC employees have through July 17. Need help? Find everything you need by visiting our HR Benefits Summer Enrollment page.

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ON THE AIR: Is DISD still holding Dallas back?

The Deep Side of Dallas podcast is a 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. If you missed our latest episode, co-hosts Paul Corliss, UNT System Chief Communications Officer, and DMN editor Rudy Bush, spoke with former board president Miguel Solis and current trustee Dustin Marshall about the political battles to reform DISD and how it has made a difference for all of Dallas.

The Deep Side of Dallas podcast is available on Spotify and Apple podcast platforms.

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