Dr. Baggerly earned her Ph.D. in Counselor Education at UNT in 1999 and then headed to sunny Florida to begin her career at the University of South Florida. She returned to Texas in 2010 to join UNT’s then-fledging school in southern Dallas, and never left. She’s witnessed UNT Dallas grow into an independent campus with more than 4,000 students while becoming a treasured faculty member -- and, in fact, she’s currently president of the Faculty Senate. An adventurous spirit, you might not know one of her greatest adventures involves her daughter, rapids, a helicopter and a cliff. And as a professor of counseling who advocates for the therapeutic powers of play, we’re highly intrigued by her “play time” suggestion as an added UNT World employee benefit. Click the button to learn more about Dr. Baggerly, her adventure and her suggestion.

If you’d like to nominate a faculty or staff member to spotlight, please email communications@untsystem.edu.
HIGH FIVE: Three major leadership appointments to propel UNT's Division of Research and Innovation
UNT recently announced three major leadership moves that will expand leadership opportunities for faculty members and propel UNT's enterprise as a Tier One research university. The appointments are: Chandra Donnell Carey (left/top), associate professor of rehabilitation and health services in the College of Health and Public Service, will serve in a newly created, yearlong appointment as a faculty fellow; Aaron Roberts (middle), professor of environmental toxicology in the College of Science and director of UNT's Advanced Environmental Research Institute (AERI), will serve as associate vice president of research. He replaces Pamela Padilla, professor of biological sciences, who was recently appointed dean of the College of Science; and Amie Lund, associate professor of environmental toxicology, will now lead AERI. Congrats to all!

HIGH FIVE: TCOM research could help African-Americans battle chronic pain
Headed by Dr. John Licciardone, HSC's PRECISION Pain Research Registry has identified important racial disparities in pain management that became more evident during the COVID-19 pandemic. Its study recently published in the special COVID-19 supplement to the Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine, found that African-American patients less often received non-pharmacological treatments for chronic low back and reported worse pain intensity and disability outcomes during the pandemic. The registry is now planning a study to determine if eHealth interventions used for chronic pain during the pandemic may be tailored specifically to African-American patients. The intervention would take self-reported health information provided by patients and then provide them with a “Health-Related Quality-of-Life Report” and coaching on how to cope with chronic pain.

HIGH FIVE: UNT chair of EADP earns prestigious emergency management award
Dr. Gary Webb, professor and chair of UNT's Emergency Management and Disaster Science in the College of Health and Public Service, recently earned the Dr. B Wayne Blanchard Award for Academic Excellence in Management Higher Education. This is the longest-standing, most prestigious award used to honor a scholar who has significantly contributed to emergency management higher education. Dr. Webb has conducted extensive research on organizational preparedness for and response to numerous disasters in the United States and abroad. His research has been supported by various agencies, including the U.S. National Science Foundation, and it has appeared in a variety of professional journals. Congrats, Dr. Webb!

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 SATURDAY, JULY 17: The summer enrollment period for making changes to benefit elections — insurance, disability, TexFlex — remains open for UNT System, UNT Dallas and HSC employees through Saturday, July 17. Please note the deadline for UNT employees has already passed. Need help? Find everything you need by visiting our HR Benefits Summer Enrollment page.
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](https://open.spotify.com/show/5mZmVqFq9cLrj7xL4sIrHF) and [Apple](https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-deep-side-of-dallas/id1247587486) podcast platforms.

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