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**Division of Ag researchers among U of A faculty honored by student groups**

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**Fast facts**

* Rojas, Mosely among faculty named Outstanding Faculty Members of the Year
* Candidates nominated by students
* Awarded by the Associated Student Government and the Graduate Professional Student Congress

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**Download PHOTOS of Alejandro Rojas** [**https://flic.kr/p/2fbLSVz**](https://flic.kr/p/2fbLSVz)**; Jacquelyn Mosley** [**https://flic.kr/p/2m7CG8s**](https://flic.kr/p/2m7CG8s)

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Two University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture researchers are among eight U of A faculty named Outstanding Faculty Members of the Year by the Associated Student Government and the Graduate Professional Student Congress.

Alejandro Rojas, assistant professor of plant pathology, and Jacquelyn Mosley, professor in the School of Human Environmental Sciences, received the honor. They are both researchers for the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, the Division of Agriculture’s research arm, and teaching faculty in the U of A’s Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences. Mosley also has an appointment in the division’s Cooperative Extension Service.

Rojas’ research focuses on the interaction of plant and root-associated microorganisms and their effects on plant growth and health. These include fungal and oomycete pathogens, fungal endophytes and other microorganisms present in agricultural and natural ecosystems.

Mosley’ research is dedicated to investigating violence against women, including risk factors for victimization among marginalized populations. Her research has also addressed various systems of campus sexual assault.

Both graduate and undergraduate students nominated faculty members from around campus to be considered for the award. The Graduate Professional Student Congress and the Associated Student Government reviewed all applications of both undergraduate and graduate students.

The other U of A awardees include:

* Albert Cheng, assistant professor — College of Education and Health Professions, Department of Education Reform
* Casey T. Harris, associate professor — Fulbright College, Department of Sociology and Criminology
* Meredith Scafe, graduate assistant — Fulbright College, Department of Psychological Science
* Zhenghui Sha, assistant professor — College of Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering
* Jennifer Veilleux, associate professor — Fulbright College, Department of Psychological Science
* Amelia Villaseñor, assistant professor — Fulbright College, Department of Anthropology

Students nominated their professors for this recognition by writing open responses. These applications were judged by student panels selected by both the Associated Student Government and the Graduate Professional Student Congress. ASG and GPSC would like to thank all faculty members for their hard work and dedication to students. Questions about the Faculty Appreciation Awards or any other programs should be directed to the ASG Vice President at [asgvp@uark.edu](mailto:asgvp@uark.edu).

The Associated Student Government at the University of Arkansas is a student-led organization that acts as an organized voice for all students and strives to effectively represent student interests. Questions about ASG can be directed to 479-575-5255 or [asg@uark.edu](mailto:asg@uark.edu).

The Graduate Professional Student Congress advocates for the collective welfare of graduate and professional students at the University of Arkansas. The congress manages and distributes student activity fees paid by graduate and professional students, represents the common interests of these students, and speaks with one voice on behalf of its constituents. The Graduate Professional Student Congress seeks to improve the lives, careers and research of all graduate-professional students at the University of Arkansas.

To learn more about Division of Agriculture research, visit the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station website: <https://aaes.uada.edu/>. Follow us on Twitter at [@ArkAgResearch](https://twitter.com/ArkAgResearch).

**About the Division of Agriculture**

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture’s mission is to strengthen agriculture, communities, and families by connecting trusted research to the adoption of best practices. Through the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service, the Division of Agriculture conducts research and extension work within the nation’s historic land grant education system.

The Division of Agriculture is one of 20 entities within the University of Arkansas System. It has offices in all 75 counties in Arkansas and faculty on five system campuses.

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture offers all its Extension and Research programs and services without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, disability, marital or veteran status, genetic information, or any other legally protected status, and is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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