Environmental and Water Resources Engineering and Center for Water and the Environment Seminar Series:

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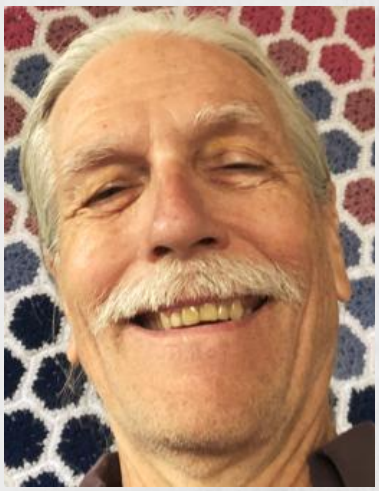
Sustaining Success in Academia: Tenured Faculty Panel

Howard Lilijestrand, PhD, Lynn Katz, PhD, Spyros Kinnas, PhD

Come Ask Questions! *This week we will have our EWRE tenured professors sharing how they've sustained success and balance throughout their academic careers. Join us to learn from their experiences on long-term career growth, mentorship, and staying motivated after tenure.*



Dr. Howard Liljestrand

earned his BA in Environmental Science and Engineering from Rice and his PhD in Environmental Engineering Science from Caltech. He has been a professor at UT since 1980 and was a Graduate Advisor for 27 years.

Dr. Lynn Katz

is the Hussein M Alharthy Centennial Chair in Civil Engineering and Director of the Center for Water and the Environment at the University of Texas at Austin. She has over thirty years of experience examining the application of aquatic surface chemistry to understanding the fate and transport of contaminants in the environment and toward the development of treatment technologies for contaminated water and soil. Her current research has a strong focus on improving water treatment for underserved communities. As a faculty member at the University of Texas, she has served as Chair of the Engineering Faculty Women's Organization, Chair of the Faculty Womens' Organization, co-chair of the University Faculty Gender Equity Council, Associate Chair of the Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering and Chair of the Cockrell School of Engineering Faculty Promotion and Review Committee.

Dr. Spyros A. Kinnas

is the Hudson-Matlock Professor of Civil Engineering and the Associate Director of the Offshore Technology Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin. He also heads the Ocean Engineering Graduate program at UT Austin. He holds a PhD from the Department of Ocean Engineering (currently part of Mechanical Engineering) at MIT, and a Diploma from the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering in the National Technical University of Athens, Greece. Prior to UT Austin, he was a Principal Research Engineer and a Lecturer with the Department of Ocean Engineering at MIT. Prof. Kinnas specializes in computational hydrodynamics with applications on the design of high speed propulsors and control surfaces for ships, as well as on the design of ocean current turbines. He is a member of the Scientific Committees of the International Symposia on Cavitation, the International Symposia on Marine Propulsors, a SNAME Fellow, the 2019/2022 recipient of Weinblum Memorial Lectureship, and a member of the Editorial Committees/Boards of the Journal of Ship Research, the Journal of Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering, the International Journal of Ocean Systems Engineering, and the Journal of Marine Science and Engineering.

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