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as well as the general state of the university – most directly in terms of the 2024

# Road to R1: Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence

**SMU 2023 research expenditures highest in SMU history**

The council honors six outstanding urban planning and design projects annually as part of its mission to advocate for a creative, sustainable future in the Dallas area. Professor Zarazaga was recognized for advancing dialogue around sound urban planning and design through her project-based and community-based graduate courses at SMU. Congratulations, Professor Zarazaga!

### **SMU Earth Sciences professor presented with a volume of work written and published in his honor**

Professor Louis Jacobs, a recently retired faculty member from Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences' Department of Earth Sciences, was presented with a volume of work entitled *Windows into Sauropsid and Synapsid Evolution: Essays in Honor of Louis L. Jacobs*. This volume was compiled in honor of Professor Jacobs, a highly influential vertebrate paleontologist, and contains essays by some of the luminaries in the field.

### **Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences professor selected as the 2023 Yvonne Porter Endowed Residency recipient**

Professor Sanderia Faye Smith, faculty member in Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences' Department of English, was selected as the 2023 recipient of The Yvonne Porter Endowed Residency distributed by [Yaddo](#), a nonprofit retreat center for artists in Saratoga Springs, New York, which sponsors and issues endowed residencies to underwrite the cost of essential resources for "the great creative artists of our day." The Yvonne Porter Endowed Residency is awarded every other year to a Texan creative working in any discipline and was established in 2000 by the Louisa Stude Sarofim Charitable Trust.

Sincerely,



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