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Professor Austin Evans will receive a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers



[Austin Evans](#)

The Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) Award is

the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on outstanding scientists and engineers beginning their independent careers. The PECASE Awards are intended to recognize some of the finest scientists and engineers who, while early in their research careers, show exceptional potential for leadership at the frontiers of scientific knowledge during the twenty-first century.

Jennifer Dungan named Fellow of the American Heart Association



Jennifer Dungan, Ph.D., M.S.N., B.S.N., has been named a Fellow of the American Heart Association by the Council on Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing, recognizing her sustained contributions to scholarship, practice and education in cardiovascular health.

Fellowship in the American Heart Association is a prestigious honor awarded to professionals who demonstrate excellence and leadership in advancing cardiovascular and stroke nursing. The designation acknowledges Dr. Dungan's impact in research, clinical practice and service within the organization and the broader health care community.

As a Fellow, she joins a distinguished group of leaders committed to improving cardiovascular outcomes and advancing the science of nursing. The recognition also reflects the University of Florida College of Nursing's continued leadership in cardiovascular research and education.

Raga Bjarnadottir and Tamara Macieira selected as Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing



Tamara Macieira, Ph.D., and Raga Bjarnadottir, Ph.D., M.P.H., professors at the UF College of Nursing were recently selected for induction as Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN), one of the profession's highest honors.

Induction into the Academy recognizes nurse leaders whose careers have made significant and sustained contributions to improving health and advancing the nursing profession through research, practice, education, leadership and policy. Drs. Macieira and Bjarnadottir were selected from a competitive international pool of candidates whose work has demonstrated lasting impact on health care and health policy.

They will join the Academy's distinguished Fellowship of more than 3,600 nurse leaders and be formally inducted during the American Academy of Nursing's Health Policy Conference, Oct. 8-10, in Washington, D.C. Following the ceremony, they will earn the prestigious FAAN credential, recognizing their outstanding contributions to nursing and health care.

Academic Artifact

Unusual, meaningful, revelatory, mysterious and just plain weird things turn up in professors' offices. *Academic Artifact* will spotlight those objects and the stories behind them.

This week's artifact ...



"Lego Technic 'Toys'"

Luis Mejia-Puig

Assistant Professor, Interior Design

Are cars running on the walls? Yes, this image shows three Lego cars defying gravity on my office wall.

These sets correspond to the Lego Technic series. These "toys" are so mechanically advanced that the Porsche in the center has a sequential gearbox controlled from the steering wheel. In contrast, the Bugatti and Lamborghini on the sides have six- and eight-speed sequential gearboxes, respectively, but are all-wheel drive.

A curious fact is that the Porsche 911 GT3 RS in mint, new-in-box condition can be

sold nowadays for between \$1,400 and \$2,000, depending on how lucky you are.

I love these cars because they are a clear example of product design and mechanical complexity. Furthermore, two of these sets were bought while overseas and traveling; this is a whole story in itself!

Care to shine a light on your own academic artifact? Simply complete this brief [Qualtrics](#). If your artifact is selected for publication, we'll send you an Office of the Provost portable lantern.

Secrets of the Swamp

Abinaya Inbamani, a post-doctoral associate at the North Florida Research & Education Center in Quincy, snatched the Provost's Pen and UF travel mug from many worthy competitors.

Dr. Inbamani was the first to send all three correct answers to last week's *Naming Names* quiz:

1. The name of UF's student ambassadors, "The Cicerones" was suggested by the ex-boyfriend of one of the founders, according to a March 5, 1969, UF news release. The ex's name is forever lost to the mists of time, but his role (and relationship status) was described by the first group's first president, Dianna Leach in the news release. "He thumbed through the dictionary and came up with Cicerones. It fits. It's universal We want to see if we can have it copyrighted" Leach told the UF publicist.
2. The origin of "Lake Alice" remains UF's best-kept secret. How we wish we could crack it in this space!
3. President and First Lady Albert and Jennie Murphree have residence halls named in their honor at UF and FSU, a legacy of Dr. Murphree having served as president of the institution that became FSU (1897-1909) and UF (1909-1928).

Small Dogs/Big Dogs

Annie	John Lombardi
G.B.	Bernie Machen
Chester	Marshall Criser

Like many of us, previous UF presidents have enjoyed the companionship of dogs, a fact noted in the public record (hint hint).

Be the first to correctly pair the dog (left) with its proper owner (right) — *and* tell what "G.B." stands for — in an email to ahoover@ufl.edu to secure the silky-smooth-writing Provost's Pen and UF travel mug.

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