



## Online Faculty Mentor Recognition for AY2020-2021

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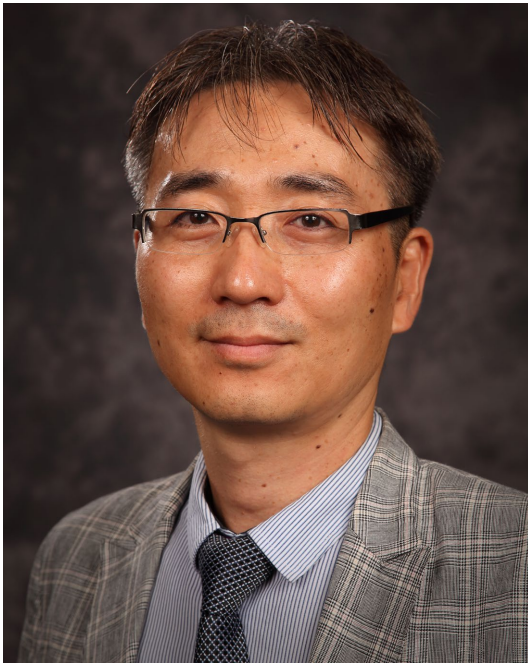
### **Thank You Online Faculty Mentors!**

On behalf of Academic Affairs and the Faculty Center for Innovation, we wish to thank the **61** Park faculty who dedicated their time and talents to mentor new Park online instructors during the 2020-2021 academic year. To view the full list of these mentors [CLICK HERE.](#)



### **Mentors of the Year**

Please join us in congratulating Ho-Seop Cha, Josh Mugg, Tatiana Peisl, Heather Strafaccia, Paul Ford, and Elaine Kessler for being honored as Mentors of the Year for AY 2020-21. These faculty have exceeded all expectations in their service to the Online Instructor Mentoring Program and were a huge help in transitioning face-to-face classes to a blended or online format during the pandemic.



### **Ho-Seop Cha**

**Assistant Professor of Geography  
Parkville campus in Parkville, MO**

Eager to help new faculty who were transitioning to online during the pandemic, Ho-Seop mentored every term from June, 2020 to May, 2021. He was initially mentored in the program when he was new to online teaching at Park and enjoyed the experience so much that he returned later to volunteer as a faculty mentor, providing guidance and friendship to both online adjunct and Parkville full-time faculty.



### **Josh Mugg**

**Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
Parkville campus in Parkville, MO**

While the faculty mentoring program has over 100 volunteers, many could not mentor in 2020 due to personal illness or an increase in family responsibilities due to the pandemic. Josh is one of the 31 new volunteer faculty mentors who came onboard to help colleagues, and he did a great job of mentoring new online adjunct faculty from his academic department.



### **Tatiana Peisl**

**Computer Science Adjunct Faculty**  
**Online Modality**

In the summer of 2020, all Park campus center faculty transitioned their in-person classes to the online format on short notice due to the pandemic, and Tatiana was one of many amazing faculty who volunteered to help them bridge the gap to remote learning. Tatiana has excelled at mentoring new online faculty for several years and shares all her resources and materials that are course-specific in addition to providing guidance.



### **Heather Strafaccia**

**Communication Adjunct Faculty**  
**Online Modality**

Like Tatiana, Heather is another highly-skilled online faculty who mentored campus center faculty who were suddenly transitioning online in the summer of 2020. A mother of four and a military spouse, Heather is very enthusiastic about faculty mentoring and has volunteered to mentor new online faculty teaching in her academic department for several years while simultaneously working towards her Doctorate in Educational Leadership, expected in 2021.





### **Paul Ford**

**Management & Marketing Adjunct Faculty**

**Academic Director, Little Rock AFB, AR**

A key volunteer on the Park Pirate faculty mentoring ship, Paul has shared his expertise with countless new Park online and Little Rock AFB faculty over the years. Of particular note, he has compiled a list of best practices in online teaching that he regularly updates and shares.



### **Elaine Kessler**

**Art Adjunct Faculty**

**Gilbert Campus in Gilbert, AZ**

Elaine has provided mentoring to new adjunct faculty across disciplines as well as pitching in to mentor Parkville Art faculty who were shifting to a blended modality. She is very relationship oriented, has deep roots in the community, and is creative in her instructional and mentoring approach.

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