

ANNUAL REPORT 2021
BRISCOE LIBRARY

Transformation
in Action



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FROM THE DIRECTOR



I am pleased to share this year's Annual Report with you. It records a period of transformation with the development of innovative services, creative programs, and bold new partnerships, despite the continued disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic. The past year again forced us to look closely at our resources and services, adapt quickly to an uncertain environment, and leverage the strong infrastructure we've built over the past several years, all to ensure that we can continue supporting the education, research, and clinical operations of the university. The work allowed us to deliver on a vision we have been espousing for years. Briscoe Library is now truly a modern, digital library and no longer can be

defined solely by its physical space. Librarians are embedded throughout the five schools to work with students and faculty in any environment. Our collections are digital and available on any networked device. Library services are delivered virtually beyond the four walls of the building.

We've titled this year's report *Transformation in Action* to underscore the many changes the library has undergone in 2021. Over the course of the past months, I gained a deep appreciation for the many individuals who responded in a time of crisis and contributed to achieving our goal of creating a fully digital library. I'm proud of the dedication of library staff and of the many ways in which they continued to partner with groups across campus. We are inspired by all the ways our students and faculty continue to connect with the library over the course of this challenging period.

- Owen Ellard, MLIS, MA; Senior Director of Libraries

TRANSFORMING LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Briscoe Library continues to transform its collections to meet the changing needs of the campus community. This year, the library took steps to relocate the circulating print collection to the Joint Library Facility (JLF) in Bryan, Texas. The Joint Library Facility is an 18,000 square foot collaborative storage facility for the Texas A&M University System and the University of Texas System. Participating libraries can contribute and borrow print materials at no charge. In total, over 220,000 items from the library's circulating collection were transitioned over to the JLF.

This move is directly in line with the larger strategic direction of the library, which is to transition from a print to primarily digital collection. Back in 2001, the library had access to over 780 print journal titles. Today, the library has access to over 40,000 eJournal titles. The number of electronic resources has grown exponentially in the last decade, which has set the foundation for this change and has paved the way for the future of library resources.

Library users still have access to print resources through interlibrary loan, and the library's growing collection of electronic books and journals will remain available through the library website. The newly vacant space on the library's fourth floor will be used for new educational activities and experiences.



40,000 eJournals in 2021

780 print journals in 2001





TRANSFORMING LIAISON SERVICES



Liaison librarians continue to collaborate with all schools by actively participating in education, research and clinical activities. The liaisons have successfully transformed instruction to a virtual setting for all curricular offerings and have also added other methods of instruction to include digital learning objects such as LibGuides, videos and online tutorials. Because liaisons function in hybrid positions, they can meet students either virtually or face-to-face in the classroom. This flexibility has proven to be advantageous in meeting the immediate needs of faculty, residents, fellows, students and staff. It is convenient and easy for our users to visit and consult with librarians from any location because they don't have to leave their lab, clinic or home to meet with us. Virtual means of communication have enhanced our users' experience – they connect to us from anywhere!

During the last two years, the liaisons have experienced an increase in requests for assistance in retrieving literature for different types of reviews. Liaisons have become an integral part of the review process; in particular, when developing and executing the search strategy. Briscoe Library's liaison librarians support evidence-based health care practice and research by providing guidance and expertise to those conducting structured literature reviews, such as systematic, scoping, integrative or rapid reviews. Our liaisons are trained in the methods of these reviews and are authors on several publications. To assist in the process, a formalized Structured Review Service will begin in the Spring of 2022 and will partner researchers with an appropriately trained librarian to assist them. An [online guide](#) has been developed to provide more information to researchers.

TRANSFORMING ARCHIVES

This year the University archives expanded their space to accommodate the growing collections. Plans are underway to optimize the organization, access and retrieval of archive materials to facilitate research requests and use. Making archives more visible and accessible is an ongoing goal as library staff continue to review photographs, manuscript, documents and historical campus records. Along with recently digitized yearbooks, these items will be available and easily searchable in the digital archives. From scholarly researchers to the simply curious, archive collections serve as a valuable resource to explore the evolution of UT Health San Antonio.

TRANSFORMING RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Records management is a vital process that keeps the university in compliance with state and local practices, promotes systematic records access and supports workflow efficiency. With the recent need to provide more online resources, we are creating an in-depth four module online course that offers quality training that can be taken at one's own pace and convenience. The training modules cover the fundamentals of records management, the Records Retention Schedule, and the inventory and disposition logs. This course will debut in April 2022.



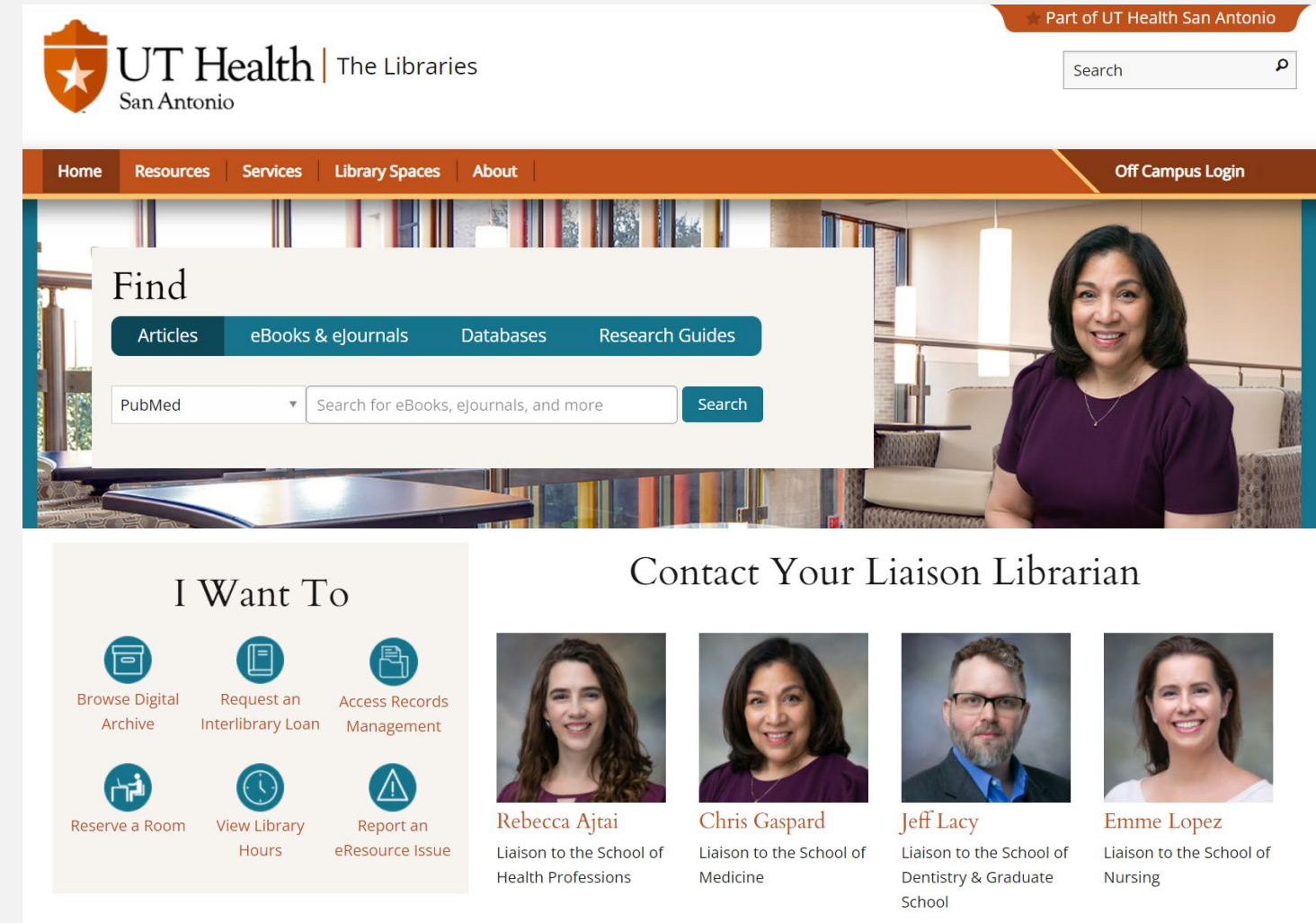
In September 2021, Diane Fotinos joined the P.I. Nixon Library as the new Special Collections Librarian, University Archivist, and Records Management Officer. She earned her Master of Library Science degree and graduate specialty in Archives from the University of North Texas. Prior to librarianship, Diane attended the University of Colorado Health Science Center Pediatric Physician Assistant Program and worked in clinical pediatrics and dermatology for many years. Combining her medical training, librarianship and her love of medical history makes her a great fit for the P.I. Nixon Library and its unique services.

TRANSFORMING THE WEBSITE

With major transitions to a remote environment brought upon by the COVID-19 pandemic, Briscoe Library recognized the necessity for a completely redesigned website. On September 1, 2021, Briscoe Library launched its brand-new website, revealing a digital experience that keeps people and services at the forefront of this virtual environment.

The library's new site provides a comprehensive collection of resources for all the clinical, instructional and research needs of UT Health students, faculty and staff. By focusing on our users, we have created a streamlined website that allows each individual to access the library's resources, services and spaces that they need within a couple of clicks.

As many of Briscoe Library's other resources and services undergo a significant transformation to the digital world, it was vital that the library's website reflect this change and adapt to create a seamless transition. The new site delivers efficient access to the library's collection, liaison librarian services and virtual reference support.



“Compliments on a very functional and well-constructed website. I was able to get what I needed within two clicks.”

- Cardiothoracic Surgery Instructor,
Long School of Medicine



BRISCOE LIBRARY

TRANSFORMING MEETING SPACE:

THE BOWDEN CONFERENCE ROOM

With generous support from Virginia and Charles Bowden, Briscoe Library launched the creation of a new and innovative conference room that reflects the Bowdens' life work, much of it spent at UT Health in San Antonio. Virginia Bowden's 33-year tenure from 1970 to 2003 included 18 years as library director. During her time as director, she established much of the groundwork for future digital transformation of library resources and services. Charles Bowden joined the faculty in 1970 as an assistant professor in psychiatry. During his distinguished 47-year career, he became an internationally recognized authority on bipolar disorder and mood stabilizing medications.

Projected to open in 2022, the Bowden Conference Room will offer state-of-the-art technology to support the growing trend toward virtual meetings connecting on-site and remote participants. Unlike older technology, the new audio-visual components are expected to enable more productive, collaborative and efficient meetings. The room will be made available to all campus departments through the library room reservation system, where users can place reservations 24/7. The room is easily accessible, located immediately off the library entrance. It will offer seating for meeting participants along with additional multi-use space and furnishings. A full window wall provides abundant natural light and a view of student-created gardens.

Our sincere appreciation to the Bowdens for this gift that will be used to further the mission of the library in support of clinical practice, education and research at UT Health in San Antonio.

In memory of Dr. Charles Lee Bowden who passed away March 1, 2022.

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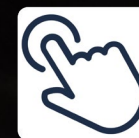


VIK TRANSFORMS VIRTUAL SERVICES

As Briscoe Library has continued to transform by moving more resources and services into virtual space, we have also sought new and innovative ways to extend virtual services into the library's physical space. With the removal of our traditional information desk and on-going pandemic restrictions, new opportunities have been explored to offer our users expanded and more immediate access to information about library resources and services.

Positioned in two locations, immediately outside of the library entry doors and adjacent to the computer commons area, Vik (Virtual Information Kiosk) stands guard to address some of the most frequently asked questions by library users. As an extension of the newly created library website, Vik can help users with library room reservation information, the ability to chat live with a librarian, location and information about other departments located in the library building and much more. Vik's repertoire includes information from the Office of International Services, Office of Student Life, Office of the University Registrar, Academic, Ombudsperson & ADA Compliance Office, and the Office of Veteran Services and Financial Aid.

If you have not met Vik yet, please stop by to give him a try and let us know how we can improve his job performance.



5,635

views since Vik's
launch in September




HISTORY OF MEDICINE

SPRING LECTURE SERIES




Dr. Charleen M. Moore
Early Medical Practice in 19th Century Texas
 Wednesday, March 24th | 6:00 pm



HISTORY OF MEDICINE

SPRING LECTURE SERIES



Dr. Anand Karnad
Biography of a Painting: Robert Hinckley's "The First Operation with Ether"
 Wednesday, April 14th | 6:00 pm



HISTORY OF MEDICINE

SPRING LECTURE SERIES



Dr. Eithan Kotkowski
The Neuroinfectious Pandemics and Epidemics from Antiquity to the Present
 Wednesday, April 28th | 6:00 pm



HISTORY OF MEDICINE

SPRING LECTURE SERIES



Dr. Ron Philo
Leonardo Anatomist
 Wednesday, May 12th | 6:00 pm

HISTORY OF MEDICINE VIRTUAL LECTURES

The P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library hosted another successful series of virtual lectures in the spring. Presenters brought a diverse lineup of topics all related to the history of medicine and healthcare. The series kicked off with a presentation by Dr. Charleen Moore on early medical practices, common diseases, and health care in 19th century Texas. Next in the lineup was Dr. Anand Karnad with a unique presentation on the historical context of Robert Hinckley's famous painting of *The First Operation with Ether*. The third presentation by Dr. Eithan Kotkowski covered the timely topic of neuroinfectious pandemics throughout history and implications for future pandemics. The lecture series closed out with a fascinating presentation by Dr. Ron Philo about the historical significance of the anatomical drawings of Leonardo da Vinci.

Lectures were presented through Zoom and included an interactive Q&A session. The library transitioned to virtual lectures in 2020, and the new virtual format continues to draw greater numbers of attendees from the local community and beyond.

Recordings of all the History of Medicine lectures can be found in the Library's Digital Archive, digitalarchive.uthscsa.edu/digital/collection/medicine.

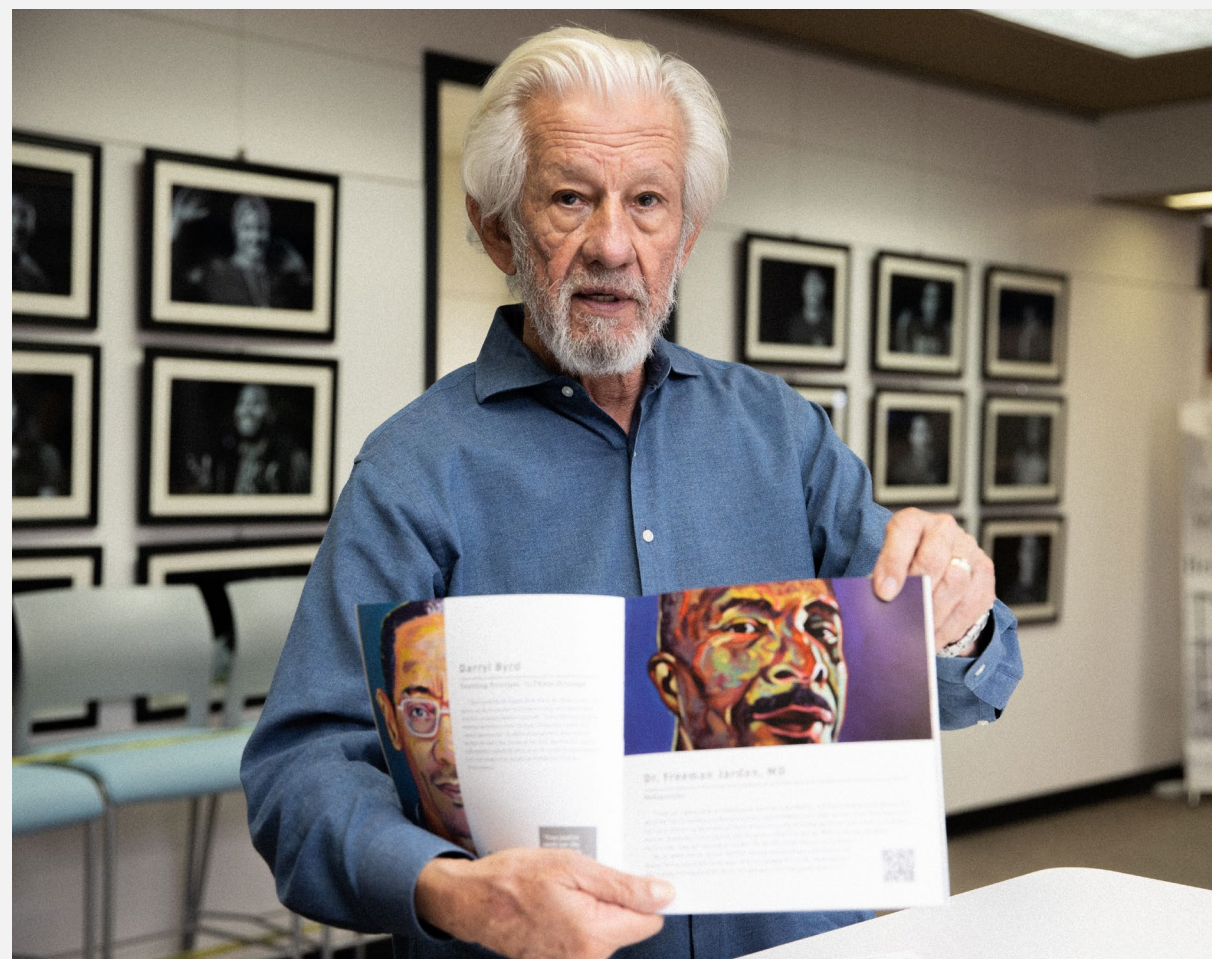
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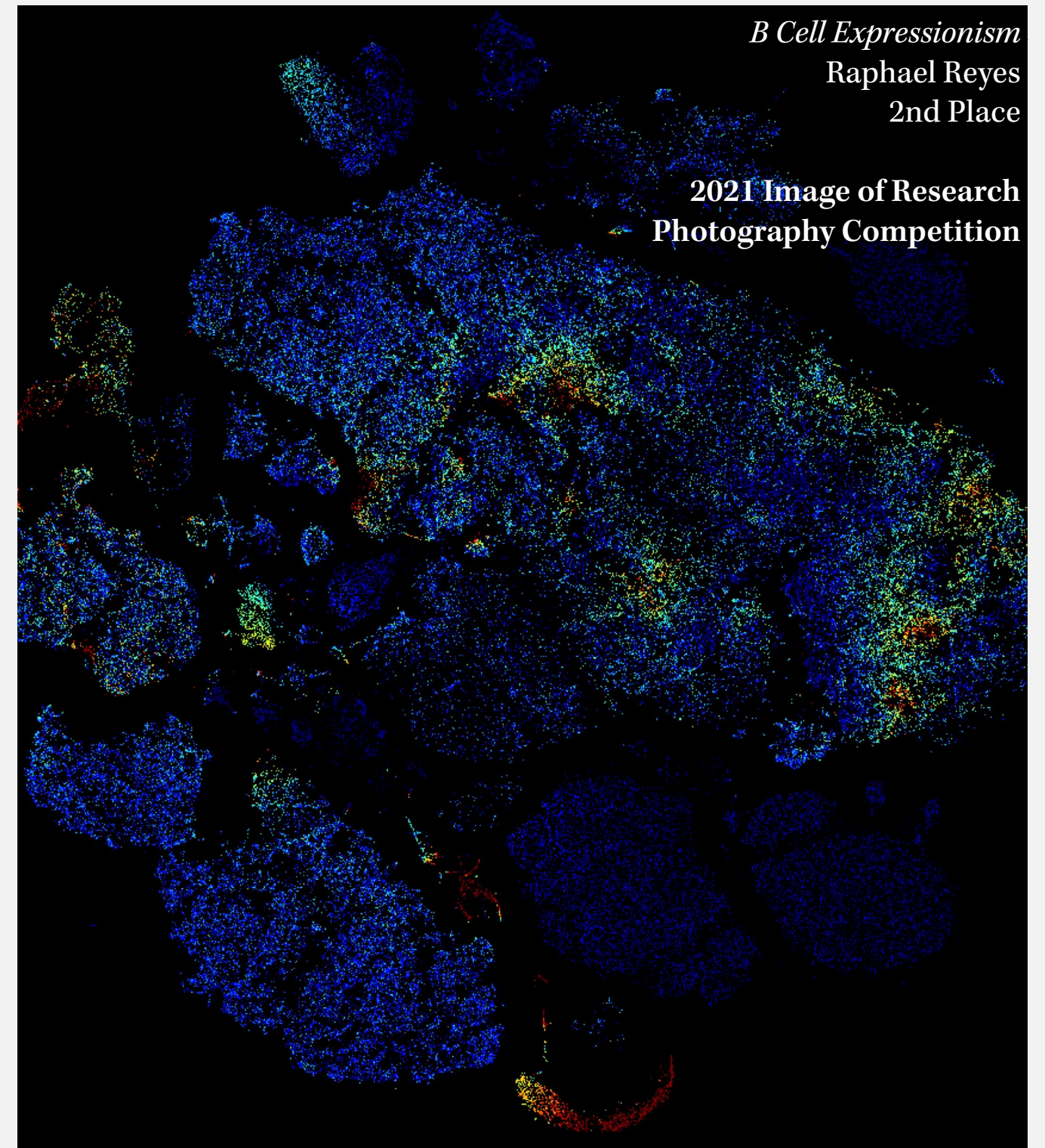
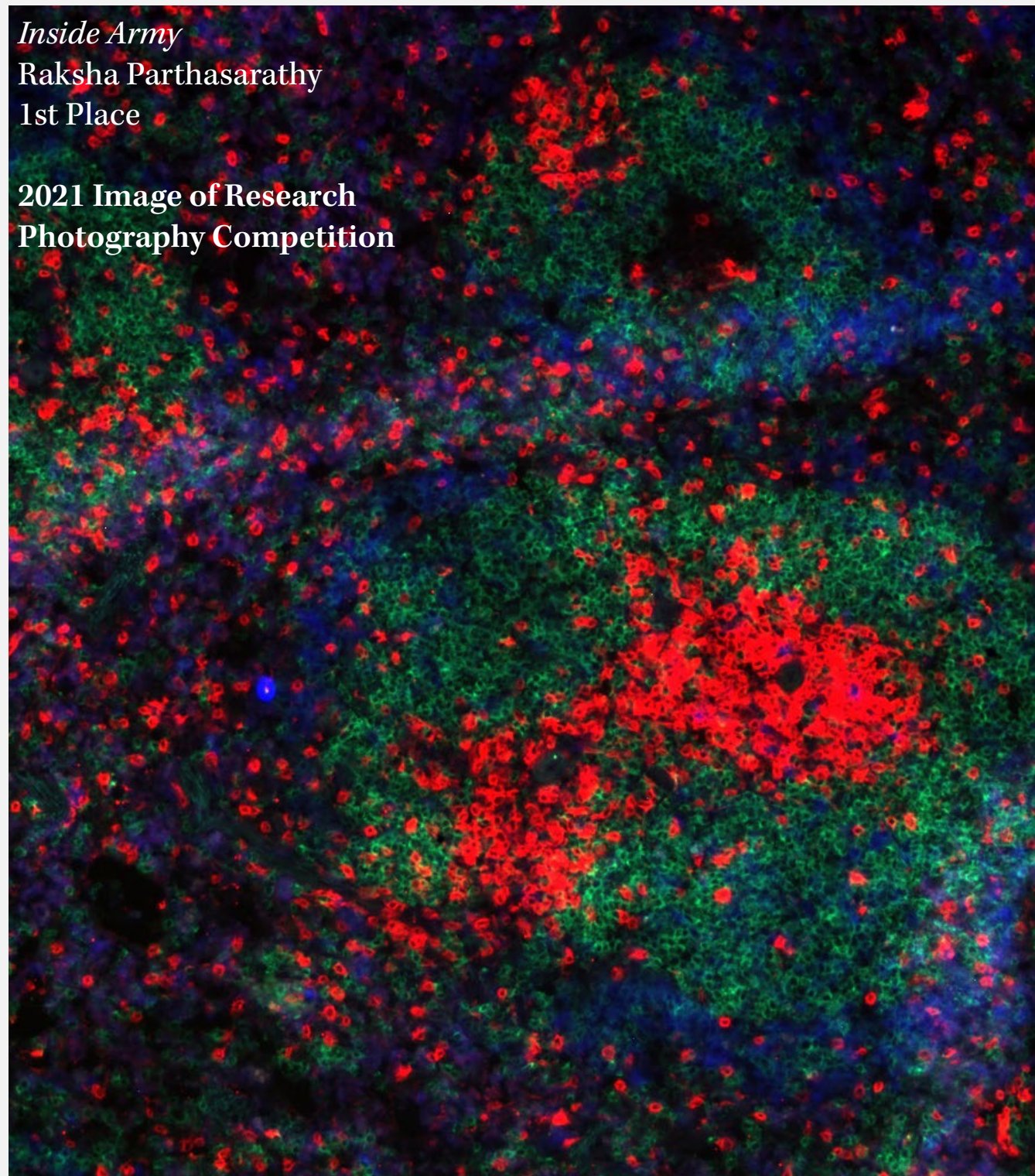
With support from Dr. Chiquita Collins and the Office for Inclusion and Diversity, the Center for Medical Humanity and Ethics, and the Office of Academic, Faculty & Student Affairs, Briscoe Library hosted a virtual panel discussion on September 28th, 2021 in conjunction with the Living in My Skin art exhibit on display in the library. The exhibit is unique to San Antonio, having been created by renowned local artist Lionel Sosa in collaboration with Black men in San Antonio. Along with being a portrait artist, Mr. Sosa founded Sosa, Bromley, Aguilar & Associates (now Bromley Communications), the largest Hispanic advertising agency in the U.S. Sosa was also named “One of the 25 Most Influential Hispanics in America” by *Time* magazine in 2005.

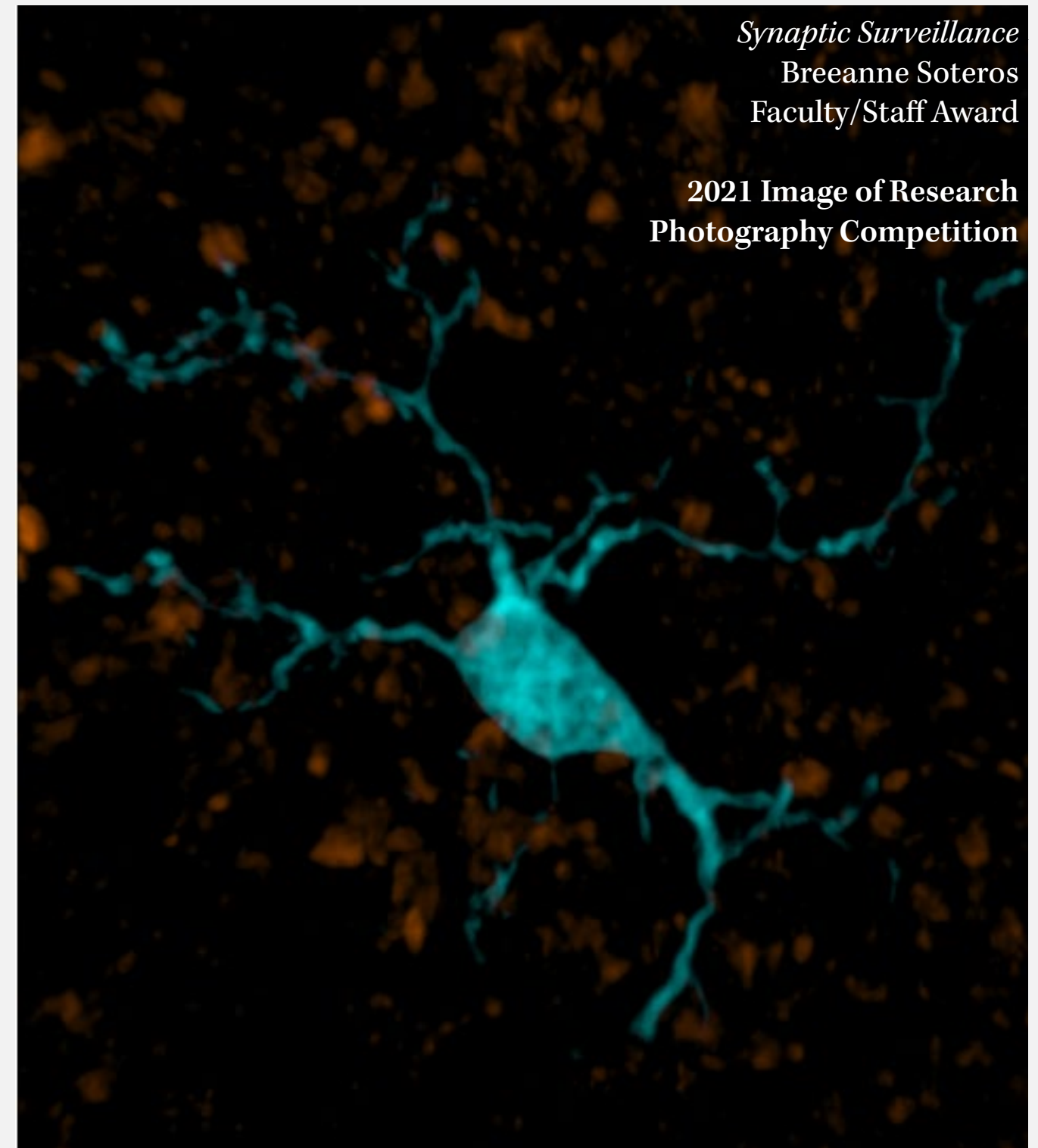
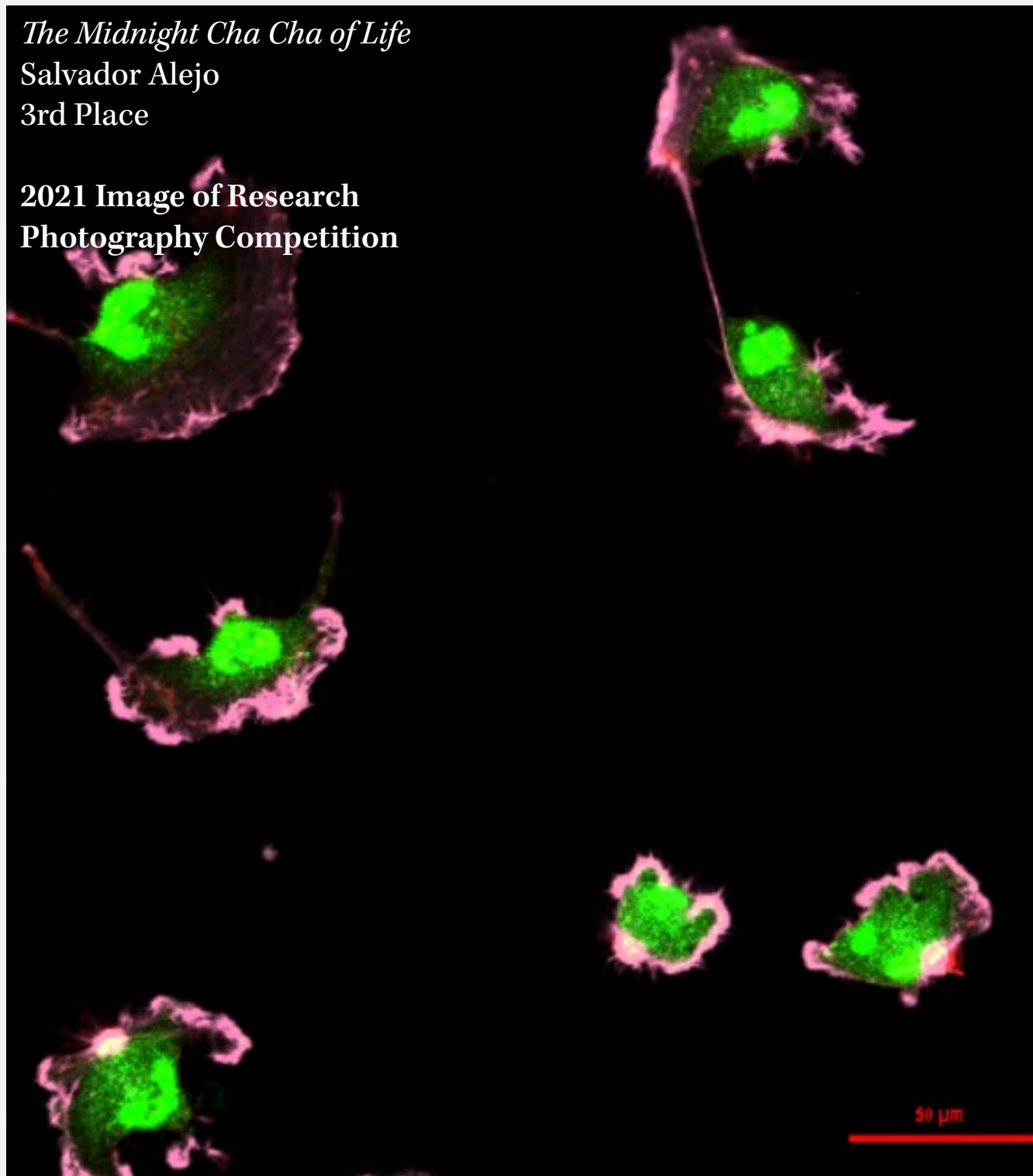
As explained by Mr. Sosa, *The purpose of the “Living in My Skin” project is to shine a light on today’s reality, what it’s like to be a Black man or boy in San Antonio, and to help bring about a better understanding of each other as a community. “Living in My Skin” features over 30 oil-on-linen portraits of Black men, ages 10 to 90, as well as a two-part film documentary which premiered on PBS station KLRN in February 2021 during Black History Month.*

The panel discussion featuring Lionel Sosa, Dr. Harmon Kelley, Dr. Freeman Jordan and Brandon Logan covered the origination of the art project and then turned to the impact of racial and social injustice on healthcare. A recording of the discussion is available at: youtube.com/watch?v=I2jvZBygxA8.

Also featured at the end of the discussion were three new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) implicit bias training modules available via UT Health Learns for UT Health students and others interested in continuing education. For more information, the UT Health Office for Inclusion and Diversity has created a robust [webpage for the UT Community](#).







THANKS & RECOGNITION

to the Library Faculty Committee

A late acknowledgement to a group of faculty that are an integral part of the Briscoe Library.

Faculty members are appointed by President Henrich and meet quarterly to address issues from the users' perspective and work with library administration to obtain input from faculty, students, and staff concerning proposed changes in library policies, practices and services. Historically, students have also been active members of this committee and are appointed by the Vice-President of Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs.

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