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Dr. Shirley Thompson Named One of the “Texas Ten” By Alcalde

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The Alcalde, the University of Texas at Austin's Texas Exes alumni organization's magazine, has named UT AMS Associate Professor and department Associate Chair Dr. Shirley Thompson as part of their 2017 Texas Ten group of distinguished educators at UT. We've included part of their profile of Dr. Thompson below, and you can read the rest [here](#). Please join us in congratulating Dr. Thompson!

Shirley Thompson came to teaching through research. "I'm the kind of person who is a natural researcher," says the soft-spoken professor. "I had to work on teaching." Thompson, who describes herself as an



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introvert, says it was through her students' questions that she fell in love with standing at the front of the classroom.

"What really drew me into it," she says, her face lighting up, "was listening to students engage with the material and come to me with a question I'd never thought of before, or a new perspective."

*Now, in addition to her own research interests—currently, she is working on a book titled **No More Auction Block for Me: African Americans and the Problem of Property**—Thompson brings her natural inquisitiveness to the classroom, where she tries to find fresh ways to talk about historical events that will make them resonate with her students.*

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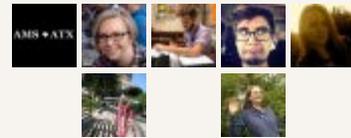
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