Awards & Accolades

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Congratulations to these recently honored employees.

OSIRIS-Rex Camera Team Wins NASA Award

The OSIRIS-Rex camera team has been recognized by NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center for exceptional achievement in engineering.

The team—led by Bashar Rizk, instrument scientist, and Chuck Fellows, program manager—was presented with a 2016 Robert H. Goddard Award in May in recognition of engineering ingenuity/expertise and tireless dedication toward the development of the camera suite for the OSIRIS-Rex spacecraft, which is headed to the asteroid Bennu to collect a sample and bring it back to Earth. The spacecraft is scheduled to reach Bennu in 2018 and return in 2023.

The OSIRIS-REx Camera Suite [1] aboard the spacecraft is made up of three cameras—MapCam, PolyCam and SamCam—which work together as the eyes of the mission. The cameras will map Bennu, help choose a sample site and ensure that the sample is correctly stowed on the spacecraft.

Arviso Wins Award for Service in Support of Indigenous Women

Alberta A. Arviso, a learning support specialist in the UAHS Office of Diversity and Inclusion, has received the Sweet Grass Award from the Society for the Psychology of Women.

Arviso, a member of the Navajo Nation, was recognized for her service and outstanding professionalism in mentorship, research, education or advocacy in support of Indigenous women. She received the award during the society’s meeting and awards ceremony, held in Washington, D.C., in August.

Arviso works with the Arizona Indians into Medicine program, which seeks to enhance the recruitment, retention and graduation rates of American Indian health professions students.

UA Prof to Receive Ruth Benedict Book Prize

Anthropology assistant professor Eric Plemons [2] has been selected to receive the 2017 Ruth Benedict Book Prize [3] for outstanding scholarship on a lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender topic.

Denis M. Provencher [4], head of the Department of French and Italian, was selected as honorable mention.

Plemons is the author of "The Look of a Woman: Facial Feminization Surgery and the Aims of Trans-Medicine [5]," published in 2017 by Duke University Press, which explores
how changing ideas about sex, gender and transgender are shaping the practice of trans medicine in the U.S. The association described it as "an elegant, original and nuanced ethnographic investigation."


The Ruth Benedict Book Prize, given by the Association for Queer Anthropology, is awarded in each of two categories: single-authored monograph and edited volume. Plemons and Provencher were recognized in the first category.

The winning authors will receive their awards in December.

**Several From UA to Receive AZBio Awards**

The Arizona Bioindustry Association annually honors bioindustry leaders from across Arizona who epitomize the depth, breadth and expertise of the state's bioscience industry. Many of those who will be honored at the organization's 2017 awards ceremony on Oct. 11 have deep connections with the University of Arizona and have brought UA ideas and inventions from the laboratory to the marketplace.

Awardees will include:

- Dr. Marvin J. Slepian, professor in the College of Medicine ? Tucson (AZBio Pioneer Award for Lifetime Achievement)

- Laurence Hurley, the Howard Schaeffer Chair in Pharmaceutical Sciences at the College of Pharmacy, director of the BIOS Institute/College of Pharmacy Drug Discovery and Development Program, and a research member of the UA Cancer Center (Arizona Bioscience Researcher of the Year Award)

- Carol Bender, University Distinguished Outreach Professor and founding/current director of the Undergraduate Biology Research Program (Michael A. Cusanovich Biosciences Educator of the Year Award)

Two others from the UA are connected to companies winning awards: Dr. Evan C. Unger [7], professor of medical imaging and biomedical engineering and a member of the UA Cancer Center, and Dr. Steven Goldman [8], professor of medicine at the Sarver Heart Center.

More information about the honorees can be found in this UANews story [9].

*We want to know about your good news. If you, your team or a colleague has won any major awards, been honored nationally or internationally, or accomplished some other major feat that deserves recognition, let us know about it.*

*To submit your news, please send us an email with the following information:*

- *Name of the person, team or unit receiving the honor with full UA titles.*
Information about the award/honor and the organization that granted it. Please include a link to the official announcement of the award/honor.

When the honor was announced and when it will be presented (or was presented).

A photo of the honoree. If others appear in the photo, please provide their names and identifying information, such as their UA title or other affiliation.

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