Awards & Accolades

University Communications
February 2019

Congratulations to these recent honorees.

Goodrum Named Fellow of American Academy of Microbiology

Felicia Goodrum, an associate professor of immunobiology in the College of Medicine – Tucson, has been named a fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology. The academy is an honorific leadership group within the American Society for Microbiology, a membership organization that includes more than 30,000 researchers, educators and health professionals. Academy fellows are elected annually through a peer-reviewed process based on "records of scientific achievement and original contributions that have advanced microbiology."

Goodrum, also a member of the BIO5 Institute, researches complex interactions between DNA viruses and their hosts. She joined the UA in 2006.

Rosales Honored by Mexican Government

Dr. Cecilia Rosales, associate dean of Phoenix programs and professor of public health in the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, was given the Ohtli Award by the government of Mexico. She was honored at a ceremony in San Diego in November.

The Ohtli Award, or Reconocimiento Ohtli, is the highest recognition granted by the Mexican government to people outside Mexico. The country’s Secretariat of Foreign Affairs gives the award to Mexican citizens living abroad to recognize accomplishments that have positively affected the lives of other Mexican nationals living in the U.S. or other countries. "Ohtli" is an indigenous Náhuatl word meaning "path."

Rosales is a member of the advisory board for Ventanillas de Salud, or Health Windows, a national program that has provided free preventive health services to uninsured or underinsured people throughout the U.S. since 2016. Rosales was given the award for her efforts to improve the lives of low-income and immigrant Mexican populations in the U.S. by improving access to basic preventive health services. The award also recognizes the eight other members of the Ventanillas de Salud advisory board.

Rosales also is the director of the UA Primary Prevention Mobile Health Unit, which provides free preventive health screening assessments and health services to underserved populations in Pima and Maricopa counties.

Wyant, Barrett and Martin Receive Awards From SPIE

Two faculty members and the founding dean of the College of Optical Sciences have received...
awards from SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics.

**SPIE**[^10] was founded in 1955 as the Society of Photographic Instrumentation Engineers. The nonprofit education society aims to “advance emerging light-based technologies through interdisciplinary information exchange, continuing education, publications, career development, and advocacy.”

Professor Emeritus **James C. Wyant**[^11], founding dean of the College of Optical Sciences[^12], received SPIE’s **Visionary Award**[^13]. The award recognizes those whose work “demonstrates any or all qualities of exceptional foresight, creativity, advocacy, and vision, that furthers the research, development, and industries related to light-based technologies.” Wyant was honored for his role as founding dean of the College of Optical Sciences, for “pioneering photonics” during his career in the private sector, and for his philanthropy.

**Harrison H. Barrett**[^14], Regents’ Professor of medical imaging, optical sciences and applied mathematics, is the namesake and inaugural recipient of one of the awards: the **Harrison H. Barrett Award in Medical Imaging**[^15]. The award recognizes outstanding accomplishments in medical imaging. Barrett, a long-standing leader in the medical imaging field, helped found SPIE’s medical imaging conferences, which began in 1972. He recently was named[^16] a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors. He also helped create the College of Optical Sciences’ **Harrison H. and Catherine C. Barrett Endowed Chair in Optical Sciences for Cancer Imaging**[^17]. Barrett shares the award with three other inaugural recipients.

**Hubert M. Martin**, a project scientist in the mirror polishing program at Steward Observatory[^18] and associate research professor of optical sciences, received the **A.E. Conrady Award in Optical Engineering**[^19]. The award recognizes “exceptional contributions in design, construction, testing and theory of optical and illumination systems and instrumentation.” Martin earned the distinction for his work at the Richard F. Caris Mirror Lab, without which “the technology would not have progressed to its present state,” according to SPIE.

**Williams Named 2019 Flinn-Brown Fellow**

**Bradley Williams**, a systems engineer at Steward Observatory, has been named a fellow of the Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy.

The fellowship is a program under the **Arizona Center for Civic Leadership**[^20], which was established in 2010 by the Flinn Foundation[^21] to support “a model of leadership built on deep knowledge, hard work and a willingness to bridge differences to build consensus on solutions that advance Arizona.” The foundation sponsors and administers the Arizona Center for Civil Leadership’s programs, with support from the **Thomas R. Brown Foundations**[^22]. Fellows receive long-term continuing education and connection opportunities throughout the state.

Williams was selected for his work at the UA on NASA spaceflight programs, including his role as a systems engineer for OSIRIS-REx, the UA-led asteroid return mission. His selection also recognizes his unique perspectives on aerospace, public education, higher education institutions, and advocacy.

Every year, the Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy selects 30 Arizonans from a variety of industries who are interested in expanding their statewide civic leadership. The fellowship provides seminars, continuing education and networking opportunities.
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.

Questions? Contact Lo Que Pasa at uaatwork@email.arizona.edu [23].

Source URL: https://uaatwork.arizona.edu/lqp/awards-accolades-19

Links
[1] https://immunobiology.arizona.edu/profile/felicia-goodrum-sterling
[5] https://publichealth.arizona.edu/directory/cecilia-rosales
[8] https://publichealth.arizona.edu/outreach/primary-prevention-mobile-health-unit
[10] https://spie.org/
[16] https://uaatwork.arizona.edu/lqp/awards-accolades-17
[18] https://www.as.arizona.edu/
[22] https://brownfoundations.org/
[23] mailto:uaatwork@email.arizona.edu