Awards and Accolades

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Congratulations to the following University of Arizona employees for their recent professional recognitions.

Dan Kruse, senior announcer for Arizona Public Media and local host of NPR's "All Things Considered" on KUAZ-FM, was honored recently for his documentary film "ZOOM! Tucson's Late-'50s Rock 'n' Roll Record Label." Kruse's film was named an "Official Selection" of the Arizona International Film Festival, was featured on opening night and received the festival's Best of Arizona award. The 33-minute documentary originally was produced as Kruse's master's thesis. He completed his degree in ethnomusicology at the UA School of Music in December. The film concerns a tiny independent record label, Zoom Records, which was started by two Catalina High School seniors, Burt Schneider and Ray Lindstrom, in 1959. Kruse plans to submit the film to other regional and national film festivals and to screen it in venues in Tucson and around Arizona. He has served in his "All Things Considered" hosting role since August 2010. A trailer for the film is available on YouTube.

Dr. Frank I. Marcus, professor emeritus at the UA College of Medicine-Tucson, was one of four doctors honored by the Pima County Medical Foundation "in recognition of lifetime achievement in the furtherance of medical education." As the founding chief of the Section of Cardiology at the College of Medicine, Marcus is an internationally recognized expert in electrophysiology and cardiac arrhythmias. In 1984, he pioneered the development of radiofrequency catheter ablation. In 1986, he and his colleagues published the first paper that systematically explored the use of radiofrequency energy for catheter ablation of arrhythmias. Today, this procedure is used all around the world.

Dr. Gulshan Sethi, professor of surgery and medical director of the Circulatory Sciences Program at the UA College of Medicine-Tucson, is the Pima County Medical Society Physician of the Year for 2012. The award is given annually to a physician who has made a significant contribution to the practice of medicine in Pima County. Sethi joined the UA College of Medicine in 1988. His primary specialties were in adult cardiac surgery and heart transplantation. He performed the first single-lung transplant in Arizona in 1989. That same year, he established the Circulatory Sciences Program, which is one of the original master-level programs in pharmacology and perfusion technology. Sethi's research has focused on heart, heart-lung and single-lung transplantation; artificial hearts and ventricular assist devices; mechanical valves; coronary artery disease; congenital heart operations; coagulation/anti-coagulation; and myocardial preservation/reperfusion injury.

Dr. Lorraine Mackstaller, clinical associate professor of medicine at the UA College of Medicine-Tucson and holder of the Sarver Heart Center's Bertram Z. and Hazel S. Brodie and the Edwin J. Brach Foundation Endowed Lectureship for Heart Disease in Women, received the inaugural Community Impact Award from the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Tucson Alumnae Chapter. The award recognizes "a woman whose selfless work positively
reflects the sorority's public service program." Wanda F. Moore, Arizona state coordinator for the Deltas Farwest Region, chair of the Tucson Alumnae Chapter's Physical and Mental Health Committee and chair of the UA Sarver Heart Center's Community Coalition for Heart Health Education for Women of Color, said of Mackstaller: "Her leadership and commitment to heart health education takes her to the pulpits of churches, school classrooms, minority women conferences, neighborhood centers and community meetings throughout Southern Arizona. Her work to reduce heart disease in women of color and help them lead healthy lives makes her an exemplary recipient of the first Community Impact Award."

Linda Price, department head and Underwood Family Professor of Marketing in the Eller College of Management [8], is the recipient of the prestigious Cutco/Vector Distinguished Marketing Award for Lifetime Contributions to Marketing Scholarship, endowed by Vector Marketing Corp. [9] The award was presented at the 42nd Annual Academy of Marketing Science Conference, held in May in Monterey Bay, Calif. Vector Marketing is the single-level direct sales division of Cutco Cutlery Corp., the largest manufacturer of high-end kitchen cutlery in North America. The Distinguished Marketing Award recognizes lifetime contributions to marketing scholarship through teaching, research and mentorship. Price was noted for having published books, chapters and more than 70 articles that have collectively garnered more than 7,000 citations, as well as for having mentored many doctoral candidates who are now leading marketing scholars in universities around the world.

Marco Contreras, a research fellow in neurobiology and behavior in the laboratory of UA associate professor of psychology [10] Jean-Marc Fellous, was one of 10 scientists named Pew Latin American Fellows in the Biomedical Sciences by The Pew Charitable Trusts [11]. The fellowship provides support to advance grantees' research, enables them to study with prominent U.S. scientists, and invests seed capital to help them establish laboratories in their home countries. It provides flexible funding to postdoctoral researchers investigating some of the world's most troubling health problems. Contreras, who is from Chile, is researching the part of the brain that has to do with empathy in hopes that his work could lead to potential therapies for syndromes such as narcissistic personality disorder, in which empathy is deficient. As of 2008, 20 percent of foreign citizens who earned doctorates in the science, engineering or health fields in the United States reported returning to their country of origin to work or live, according to the National Science Foundation. By contrast, more than 70 percent of the Pew Fellows return to their home countries to set up their own laboratories. In addition to the $30,000-a-year stipend that fellows receive while training in the United States, the program also offers $35,000 to those who go back. To date, Pew has dedicated more than $18 million in direct support for more than 200 Latin American fellows.

Pierre Meystre, Regents' Professor of Physics [12] and of Optical Sciences [13], has been appointed lead editor of Physical Review Letters by the American Physical Society [14]. He succeeds Jack Sandweiss of Yale University, who held the position for 25 years, to lead the preeminent international letters journal in all areas of physics. "Pierre Meystre had every qualification that we were looking for in a new leader for PRL. His vision for the future of the journal was particularly compelling," said Ohio State University's Ulrich Heinz, chair of the search committee. Meystre will begin as the lead editor on July 1.

Linda Samuels, project director of the Sustainable City Project [15] in the College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture [16], has been chosen by the American Architectural Foundation [17] to participate in the Sustainable Cities Design Academy charrette in Washington, D.C., this summer. A charrette is an intense planning session where people collaborate on a vision for development. Samuels was selected based
on her project application "Linking the Warehouse Arts District." The Sustainable City Project serves as an educational and outreach interface between the University and the larger Tucson community, focusing on issues of sustainable urban development and livable cities through education, outreach and research.

Lo Que Pasa wants to know about your good news. If you, your department or a colleague have won any major awards, been honored nationally or internationally or accomplished some other major feat that deserves recognition, we'd like to know about it.

To submit your news, please send us an email [18] with the following information:

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- Name of organization granting the honor.
- A description of the honor.
- When the honor was announced and when it will be presented (or was presented).
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