

## Awards and Accolades

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Congratulations to these recently honored employees.

#### Law Professor to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award

**Robert Williams** <sup>[1]</sup>, professor of law, has been selected to receive the 2017 Lawrence R. Baca Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Federal Indian Law by the Federal Bar Association's Indian Law Section. Williams is the E. Thomas Sullivan Professor of Law and faculty chair of the law school's Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program. He is receiving the award in recognition of his contributions in the areas of federal Indian law, human rights advocacy and critical race theory, and his mentorship and support of Native American law students throughout his 40-year teaching career. He will receive the award Friday at a luncheon in Scottsdale, Arizona.

#### UA Researcher Receives Public Engagement Fellowship

**Kacey Ernst** <sup>[2]</sup>, associate professor of epidemiology in the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, has been selected by the American Association for the Advancement of Science for a public engagement fellowship. She and 14 other researchers in the field of infectious diseases will attend the Alan I. Leshner Leadership Institute for Public Engagement with Science in June. Her primary research interests have been on questions surrounding the emergence of Aedes mosquito-borne viruses like dengue and Zika in the U.S.-Mexico border region. Read this [UANews article](#) <sup>[3]</sup> for more about Ernst and her work on Zika.

#### Hoshin Gupta Receives Robert E. Horton Lecture in Hydrology Award

Hydrology and atmospheric sciences professor **Hoshin Gupta** <sup>[4]</sup> received the Robert E. Horton Lecture in Hydrology Award at the American Meteorological Society's 2017 annual meeting for his research on calibration and optimization of hydrological models. The awardee is selected in recognition of eminence as a scientist for outstanding research on topics of interest to both hydrologists and meteorologists.

#### International Student Adviser Wins National Advocacy Award

**Fiona Grugan**, international student adviser in the Office of Global Initiatives, has been selected as the NAFSA: Association of International Educators Advocate of the Year. NAFSA is the world's largest nonprofit association dedicated to international education and exchange. The award is given to people who support international education at the grassroots level. The Advocate of the Year recipient inspires others to make a difference by engaging their elected officials in discussions and promoting policies that support international education and exchange. She accepted the award on March 14 at NAFSA's 2017 Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C. To read more about Grugan, click [here](#) <sup>[5]</sup>.

#### Sheilah Nicholas Named Erasmus Circle Fellow

**Sheilah Nicholas** <sup>[6]</sup>, associate professor in the College of Education, was named an Erasmus Circle Fellow, which is on the highest honor bestowed upon College of Education faculty. The fellows are nominated by their department heads and former Erasmus Circle Fellows. The College of Education national advisory board then selects the new fellows. Nicholas' work focuses on Indigenous/Hopi language maintenance and revitalization.

#### Two Professors Receive NSF Faculty Early Career Development Award

**Ravi Tandon** <sup>[7]</sup>, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, and **Qing Hao** <sup>[8]</sup>, assistant professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering, received the Faculty Early Career Development Award from the National Science Foundation. This is the highest honor for junior faculty members, given to advance their research. Tandon develops code and algorithms for storing, managing and analyzing massive amounts of data. Hao is researching heat transfer in nanomaterials for products ranging from semiconductors in computers to heat shields on rockets. Both received about \$500,000 with their award.

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