Recognition

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers has honored Dr. Farrokh Mistree, director of the School of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering, with the Ruth and Joel Spira Outstanding Design Educator Award for his lifelong dedication and contribution to the engineering design community and to design education.

According to ASME, the annual award, which was established in 1998, “recognizes a person who exemplifies the best in furthering engineering design education through vision, interactions with students and industry, scholarship and impact on the next generation of engineers, and a person whose action serves as a role model for other educators to emulate.”

Funding

- Dr. Yang Hong (Civil Engineering and Atmospheric Radar Research Center) has been selected for funding by NASA's Science Mission Directorate's Earth Science Division (ESD) for his proposal titled "Incorporating NASA Spaceborne Precipitation Research Products into NOAA National Mosaic QPE Operational System for Improved Short-Term Weather Prediction at Colorado Basin River Forecast Center." The ESD selected 12 proposals, whose total funding over a period of two years will be approximately $4.4 million.
- Drs. Dave Hambright, Larry Weider, and Gary Wellborn (Biological Station) received an NSF-FSML grant for $248,642 titled “Building Research Collaboration for the Future: Enhancement of the UOBS Aquatic Research Park.”
- Dr. Krishaniyan Thulasiraman (Computer Science) has been awarded a $200K NSF collaborative research grant for the project titled "Cross-Layer Survivability to Cascading Failures in Layered Networks.”
- Dr. Dylan Herrick (Modern Languages, Literatures, & Linguistics) along with collaborators at the University of Kansas and the Cherokee Nation, received a two-year $157,386 NSF DEL grant titled "Documenting Cherokee (CHR) Tone and Vowel Length.”
- Dr. Laura Bartley (Botany and Microbiology) is the recipient of a $1.28M three year grant titled "Association Mapping of Cell Wall Synthesis Regulatory Genes and Cell Wall Quality in Switchgrass" from the U.S. Department of Energy. The project is in collaboration with Oklahoma State University and the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation.
- Drs. Michael Kaspari (Zoology), Jizhong Zhou and Zhili He (Botany and Microbiology) were awarded a $2.8 million four year grant from NSF’s Macro Systems Panel for their proposal titled “Experimental Macroecology: the Kinetics of Biodiversity.”
Student Award

ARRC student Feng Nai (MS student in Electrical and Computer Engineering) won the Best Student Paper Award at the 2011 EEE Radar Conference held recently in Kansas City. His paper was titled "Range-Doppler Domain Signal Processing to Mitigate Wind Turbine Clutter." Feng is co-advised by Drs. Robert Palmer and Sebastian Torres (ARRC).

Gaylord College Awards at the Annual AEJMC Conference

- Professor Kathryn Jenson White (Journalism) received a second place award for her work with the Oklahoma Scholastic Journalism Initiative at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.
- Doctoral student Christal Johnson (Journalism and Mass Communication) received the Mary Gardner Award for Graduate Student Research from the Commission on the Status of Women.
- Doctoral student Justin Poirot (News and Information) received a second place award for his paper titled “I Just Bought This Thing! The Diffusion of Iterations—A Modification of DOI to Explain Incremental Changes in Existing Technology.”
- Doctoral student Dave Ferman (News and Information) received a second place award for his paper titled “Secular and Religious Press Framing of the Uganda Anti-Homosexuality Bill.”

Books

- Rowman and Littlefield has published *The Making of the Modern Jewish Bible. How Scholars in Germany, and America Transformed an Ancient Text* by Dr. Alan Levenson (History).
- *Imperial Messages: Orientalism as Self-Critique in the Habsburg Fin de Siècle* by Dr. Robert Lemon (Modern Languages, Literatures, & Linguistics) was published by Camden House in June 2011.
- Dr. Joe Watkins and Instructor Carol Ellick (Native American Studies) have published *The Anthropology Graduate’s Guide: From Student to a Career* by Left Coast Press, March 2011.
- Cambridge University Press has published *Transatlantic Stories and the History of Reading 1720-1810* by Dr. Eve Bannet (English).