



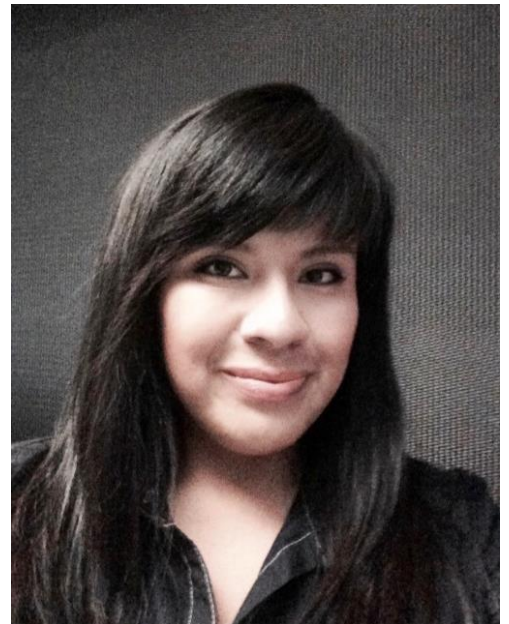
## *Department News*

### *Graduate Student Awards:*

*Ms. Sarah Buddenborg, Dr. Sam Loker's graduate student, was recently awarded a Dean's Dissertation Year Fellowship for the academic year 2016-2017. The Dean's Dissertation Year Fellowship is one of the University's most prestigious awards for graduate students, recognizing important and innovative doctoral research.*



*Ms. Amalia Parra, Dr. Christopher Johnston's graduate student, recently received the Regents' Winrock Minority Doctoral Fellowship beginning her first semester fall 2016 through spring semester 2018. This prestigious award, one of only two offered each year for the University of New Mexico, promotes the recruitment of outstanding scholars and researchers and recognizes Ms. Parra's demonstrable academic merit.*



## *Undergraduate Student Awards:*



*Biology seniors, Mr. Alex Clark and Ms. Alyssa Sanchez, are two of six finalists for the 2016 UNM Student Employee of the Year. Judged on quality of work, initiative, reliability, and professionalism, and uniqueness of contribution, Alex and Alyssa were chosen as finalists from a field of 30 nominations campus-wide.*

*Mr. Clark has been engaged in research with Drs. Becky Bixby and Dave Van Horn analyzing the impacts of fire on aquatic ecosystems, including algal communities, and developing continuous water quality monitoring network in the Rio Grande.*

*Ms. Sanchez has been conducting research with Dr. Megan Osborne on the population genetics of Canadian River fishes and using genetic data to understand how variance in reproductive success impacts genetic diversity in the critically endangered bonytail (*Gila elegans*).*



**35<sup>th</sup> Annual Service Awards:**

*Congratulations to all biology faculty and staff who were recognized at yesterday's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Service Awards Ceremony which was held in the Student Union Building.*

**35 Years of Service**

*Douglas Moore*

**30 Years of Service**

*Eric S. Loker, Diane L. Marshall*

**25 Years of Service**

*Anne E. Rice, Lee Couch*

**20 Years of Service**

*George H. Rosenberg*

**15 Years of Service**

*Nancy L. Davis, Bruce V. Hofkin, William T. Pockman, James H. Swan, Blair O. Wolf, Si Ming Zhang*



**Earth Alert**

*The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual UNM Sustainability Expo will be held on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm on the Cornell Mall (east of the SUB). The announcement is attached.*

