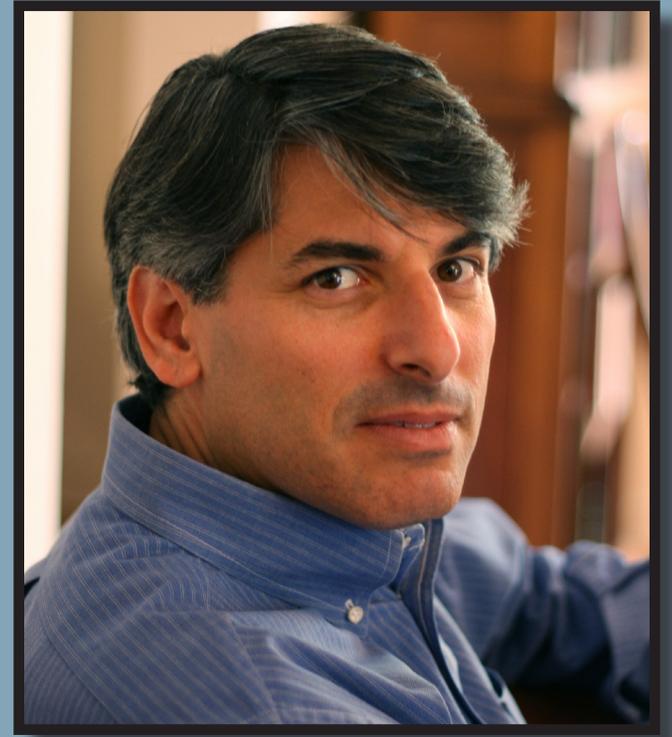


2015 Heinz Award



Aaron Wolf Professor, Geography

Oregon State University's Aaron Wolf, an internationally recognized expert on water conflict resolution, has been named a 2015 recipient of the Heinz Award in the category of public policy.

Established to honor the memory of U.S. Sen. John Heinz, the awards recognize significant contributions in arts and humanities, environment, human condition, public policy, and technology, the economy and employment. Wolf's award, given by the Heinz Family Foundation, includes an unrestricted cash award of \$250,000.

Wolf was cited for "applying 21st-century insights and ingenuity, as well as ancient wisdoms, to problems that few are paying attention to for the security of the planet."

A professor of geography in Oregon State's College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences, Wolf decided early in his career to find ways to ease the tension over water rights, developing a negotiation approach that emphasizes listening and finding shared values among competing users.

Wolf also was cited for working to prepare future generations of scholars and leaders in water conflict resolution. He and other leading academics founded a consortium of 10 universities on five continents that seeks to build a global water governance culture focused on peace, sustainability and human security.

He also helped develop a new partnership between Oregon State, the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education in The Netherlands and the University for Peace in Costa Rica that will offer a joint master's degree program on water cooperation and peace.

Wolf and the other winners will be honored at a ceremony on May 13 in Pittsburgh.

"As the discussion changes from water wars to water cooperation and peace, I've learned firsthand that people will resolve seemingly intractable problems when they're given the space and the opportunity. OSU offers an amazing community within which to collaboratively assess the problems and, with our students, to help implement practical, place-based solutions." — Aaron Wolf