The nominating letters from Lane’s colleagues highlighted her research efforts, communication skills, and the effort she has put into supporting students from traditionally marginalized backgrounds, among other things.

Lane’s ability to effectively communicate across disciplines and with stakeholders of various backgrounds is something she sees as setting her apart in receiving this award.

“The ability to speak the different languages and translate between different science and management communities is critical in environmental water management because it is by its nature very multi-disciplinary and requires large teams to solve the large complicated problems we face,” she said. “While I'm definitely a researcher, I am developing project management skills and the ability to bridge and incorporate the needs and interests of diverse stakeholders, which is really important in this field.”

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