



Neil Sugihara Wins the Harold Biswell Lifetime Achievement Award

The Association for Fire Ecology (AFE) is pleased to announce Dr. Neil Sugihara has been awarded the 2018 Harold Biswell Lifetime Achievement Award for his significant contribution to fire ecology and management in the western United States.

Dr. Sugihara has had an exemplary career in fire science, education, and training for over 40 years. In 2016, he retired from the US Forest Service as a fire ecologist. He had also previously worked for the National Park Service and at UC Berkeley and Humboldt State universities. He is currently working at Northern Arizona University as the Program Coordinator for the Wildland Fire Education and Training Collaborative. Neil taught fire ecology courses for over 20 years with the US Forest Service and at the University of California-Davis, Humboldt State University, California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo, and now at Northern Arizona University. He was one of the founding members of the California Association for Fire Ecology (CAFE), the first president of AFE, and served as the chair for the 1st and 5th Fire Congresses. Neil has reached countless students, managers, and researchers through courses, trainings, conferences, and the book *Fire in California's Ecosystems*.

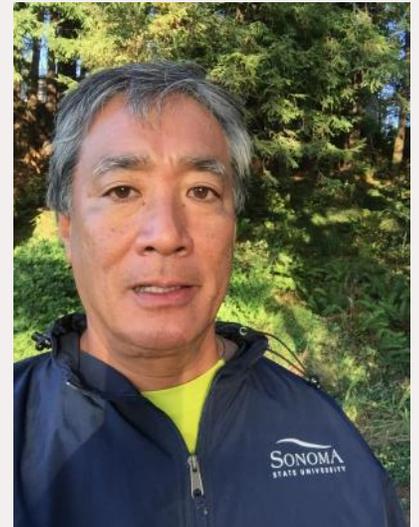
AFE honors career achievements in fire ecology and management by recognizing the pioneers and early advocates in our field. Each year, lifetime achievement awards are presented to individuals who have made significant contributions to fire ecology and management and who have inspired and mentored a generation of fire ecologists. The award for individuals who primarily work in ecosystems found in western United States or in similar ecosystems internationally is named after Harold Biswell, a longtime faculty member at the University of California-Berkeley. Harold was a pioneer fire ecologist, conducting research on fuel hazard reduction and prescribed burning in California and teaching hundreds of students and managers from the 1950-80s.

Dr. Sugihara will be presented with the Biswell Award at the 8th International Fire Ecology and Management Congress, November 18-22, 2019, in Tucson, Arizona.

A list of all Lifetime Achievement Award winners is available at <https://fireecology.org/afe-award-winners>.

About AFE

The Association for Fire Ecology (AFE) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the knowledge and use of fire in land management. Our members include scientists, educators, students, managers, practitioners, policymakers, and interested citizens. To learn more about AFE, visit www.fireecology.org.



“Neil has devoted his entire professional career to the advancement of fire ecology, and we can think of no one person who is more deserving of the Biswell Lifetime Achievement Award. It is certainly fitting that the man who was there at the start of AFE to receive a lifetime achievement award from the organization that he has poured much of his heart and soul into.”

~Jan van Wagtenonk and
Andrea Thode