**STANFORD UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR NICOLE ARDOIN WINS NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARD**

STANFORD,CA, October 22, 2016 — Nicole Ardoin, an associate professor and senior fellow at Stanford University, was recently recognized by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), a leader in environmental education, as the recipient of one of NAAEE’s hallmark annual awards recognizing leadership in the field. At a special awards reception during NAAEE’s 45th Annual Conference in Madison, Wis., Ardoin received the award for Outstanding Contributions to Research in EE.

Recently tenured, Dr. Ardoin has an extensive career in environmental education research. Her work on environmental behavior and sustainability practices, connection to place, community-based resource management, and evaluation of informal environmental and science education programs is routinely published in scholarly journals, such as *Environmental Education Research, Ecology and Society,* and *Society and Natural Resources*; recently she and colleagues had a paper published in *Nature Energy*. Dr. Ardoin is instrumental in translating research, making it accessible to researchers and practitioners alike through initiatives such as the popular “Research Briefs,” which Dr. Ardoin created and publishes bi-annually, with support from ChangeScale and NAAEE. She is also a lead partner in NAAEE’s eeWORKS initiative, a project designed to help demonstrate the value and impact of the EE field.

"For more than four decades, NAAEE has promoted excellence and impact in environmental education thanks to the determined efforts of our members, supporters, and affiliate organizations," said Judy Braus, Executive Director. “Our award winners are truly inspirational educators and organizations across North America that exemplify the best in our field, showcasing multiple disciplines, approaches, and perspectives--from classroom to community to research--all working toward a more just and sustainable society."

This year, 11 award recipients — an impressive slate of individuals and organizations from North America —were selected across 11 categories. For more information about the 2016 NAAEE Awards including eligibility requirements and a full list of winners, visit [www.naaee.org/our-work/programs/awards](http://www.naaee.org/our-work/programs/awards).

**About NAAEE**

The North American Association for Environmental Education is a pioneering membership organization dedicated to accelerating environmental literacy and civic engagement through the power of education. NAAEE supports a network of more than 20,000 educators, researchers, and organizational members working in environmental education in more than 30 countries through direct membership and 53 regional affiliate organizations. Through community networks, publications, signature programs, eeNEWS and eeJOBS, NAAEE provides programming and resources for professionals working in all areas of the field. NAAEE’s annual conference, now in its 45th year, convenes leaders from private and public sectors to advance the field of environmental education. For more information, visit [www.naaee.org](http://www.naaee.org) and [www.naaee.org/eePRO](http://www.naaee.org/eePRO).

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