



# News Release

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## **UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA METEOROLOGY PROFESSOR PRESENTS AT PRESTIGIOUS LECTURE SERIES**

NORMAN, Okla. — Kevin Kloesel, University of Oklahoma associate professor of meteorology and College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences associate dean, presented a public lecture at the National Academy of Sciences' "Distinctive Voices @ The Jonsson Center" lecture series in Woods Hole, Mass., this week.

The lecture, titled "'I've Looked at Clouds That Way': Weaving American Indian Perspectives Into the Study of Weather and Climate," examined how tribal art and native oratory may provide clues to understanding some of Earth's atmospheric complexities.

"We've typically given Western scientists the credit for the major discoveries in weather and climate," said Kloesel. "However, this presentation uses tribal art and stories to explore weather phenomena and hazardous weather occurrences in ways never looked at before in Western science."

Located at the J. Erik Jonsson Center, "Distinctive Voices @ the Jonsson Center" provides public forums highlighting scientific and technological issues, discoveries and innovations. Only 11 experts from the fields of technology, science and medicine were selected as lecturers at the Distinctive Voices' East Coast series this season.

"It's an honor to be chosen as a lecturer for such a prestigious program," said Kloesel. "I was excited to share this presentation with the public and interact with them about a way of gathering weather data that they may have never thought about before."

### **The National Academy of Sciences**

The National Academy of Sciences is an honorific society of distinguished scholars engaged in scientific and engineering research, dedicated to the furtherance of science and technology and to their use for the general welfare. For more information on the NAS or the Distinctive Voices lecture series, please visit <http://www.nasonline.org/site/PageServer>.

## **The University of Oklahoma School of Meteorology**

The OU School of Meteorology is the largest undergraduate program in the nation, with more than 280 undergraduate and 110 graduate students. It is ranked No. 1 in the nation in mesoscale and severe storm research and is among the top seven of the nearly 100 institutions that grant degrees in atmospheric science. The school also offers the nation's only true interdisciplinary weather radar educational program between meteorology and engineering.

The School of Meteorology is housed in the National Weather Center, a facility that houses a unique confederation of University of Oklahoma, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and state organizations that work together in partnership to improve understanding of events occurring in Earth's atmosphere. For more information, please visit <http://weather.ou.edu/>.

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