Sergey Nizkorodov Receives Daniel G. Aldrich, Jr. Distinguished University Service Award

The award recognizes the chemistry professor’s work in and out of his lab to better the university and wider community.

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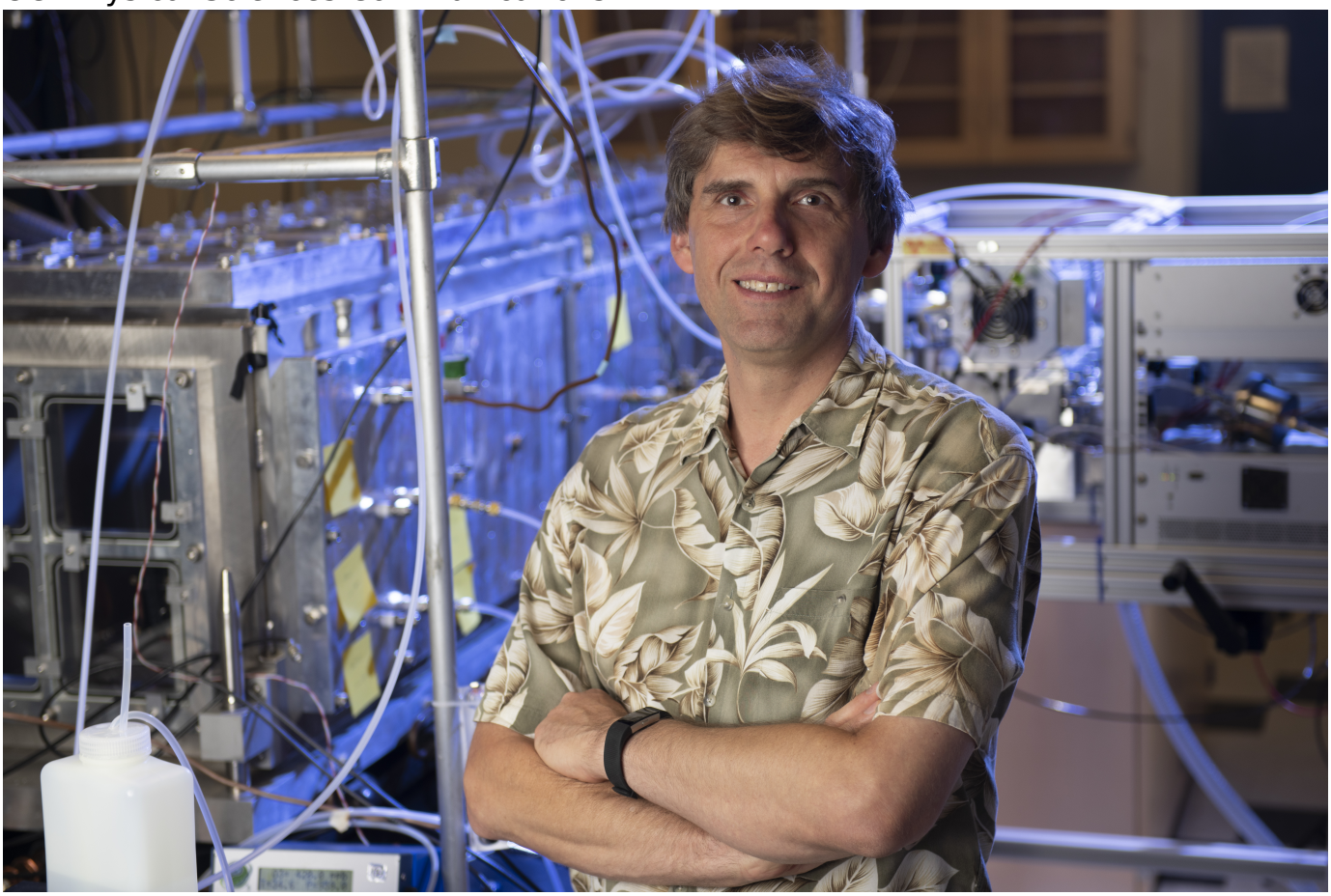

Sergey Nizkorodov stands in his lab in Rowland Hall on campus, where he researches, among other things, air quality in indoor settings.

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Sergey Nizkorodov, a professor in the UCI Department of Chemistry, has received the 2021-22 Daniel G. Aldrich, Jr. Distinguished University Service award from the Academic Senate. This honor goes to a UCI professor who, on top of doing research, has made outstanding contributions of service to the University of California. Nizkorodov's research focuses on the chemistry of particulate matter in the ambient atmosphere in indoor environments; he's co-authored over 160 papers, and he's been a research mentor for nearly 100 graduate, undergraduate, high-school and postdoctoral students. Nizkorodov's service work started with him coordinating the AirUCI Summer Workshop in Environmental Chemistry for Science Teachers between 2005 and 2014; the two-week program featured high school science teachers taking classes and doing laboratory work at UCI to learn from our scientists about environmental problems like air pollution. More recently, he served as the vice-chair for academic programs and curriculum in his department from 2016 to 2020, chaired the UCI Senate Subcommittee on Courses & Continuing, Part-Time, & Summer Session Education, served as a co-director of the AirUCI Institute, organized multiple research symposia at major meetings, presided over the American Association for Aerosol Research — a professional society of about 1,000 members — and he's served on many other committees. "This distinction means a lot to me, and am truly honored to get this award," said Nizkorodov, after learning about the recognition.

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