



Puneet Srivastava, PE, director, Auburn University Water Resources Center and the Alabama Water Resources Research Institute, and professor, biosystems engineering department, Auburn University, Alabama, is being honored for pioneering innovative methods for optimizing best management practices in watersheds and for mitigating drought impacts on water resources.

Throughout his career, Srivastava has made internationally recognized contributions in best management practice optimization to control nonpoint source pollution, climate variability and climate change impacts on water resources, and research on critical water issues in the Apalachicola-Chatahoochee-Flint river basin. His work has been used to inform United States Congressional testimony and it has been used to guide state legislation to expand irrigation in Alabama. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Integrated Drought Information System has cited Srivastava's contributions in the development of the Drought Early Warning System for the American Southeast. Additionally, he has made substantial contributions towards the growth of the biosystems engineering undergraduate program at Auburn University. His work led the creation of the ecological engineering curriculum within this program, which has created significant growth in undergraduate enrollment. Srivastava has mentored many post-doctoral, doctoral, and masters students throughout his career.

A 22-year member of ASABE, Srivastava has worked extensively as an associate editor for the *Transactions of the ASABE, Applied Engineering in Agriculture*, and a special issue of *Transactions of the ASABE* on climate change. Srivastava was a leader in the now defunct ASABE Biological Engineering Division steering and executive committees. He was president of the Association of Agricultural, Food, and Biological Engineers of Indian Origin. Srivastava has also been extensively involved as a leader for the American Water Resources Association (AWRA). He is currently a board member of the Alabama Section of the AWRA.

Srivastava is the author or coauthor of more than 250 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and other publications. Throughout his career, Srivastava has received many awards including seven research awards from Auburn University. He also received the Distinguished Engineer award from the Alabama Section of the ASABE. In 2015, he was named the Butler-Cunningham Eminent Scholar in Agriculture and the Environment at Auburn University.