

Daniel Gonzalez-Socoloske

Today the recipient of the John Nevins Andrews Medallion is Daniel Gonzalez-Socoloske, whose exemplary scholarship, research and mentorship have distinguished him among his colleagues.

Gonzalez-Socoloske earned his Bachelor of Science in biology from Andrews University in 2003. He continued his education at Loma Linda University, where he obtained a Graduate Certificate in GIS in 2006 and an MS in biology in 2007. Then, in 2013, he received a PhD in ecology from Duke University.

In 2013, Gonzalez-Socoloske returned to Andrews University as an assistant professor of biology. He became an associate professor in 2017 and achieved the rank of professor in 2021. Throughout his time at Andrews, he has mentored numerous students in undergraduate and graduate research. He has also spearheaded the development of the Field Ecology class and has enhanced the student experience with excursions to Cuba.

In addition to being a valued member of the Department of Biology, Gonzalez-Socoloske is an accomplished scholar. In 2020, he was awarded a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award for his continued research in manatee detection. He was able to pursue further studies on the subject in Brazil when he became a National Geographic Explorer in 2022. In 2023, he received a Siegfried H. Horn Excellence in Research & Creative Scholarship Award from Andrews University for his studies. The nature of his scholarship is highly collaborative, and he has built bridges between Andrews and several other academic institutions.

Gonzalez-Socoloske serves as a science advisor to the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and curator for the Museum of Nature & Science, where he plans to expand on the museum's mission of environmental education. He serves on several committees, both at Andrews University and in the wider academic world. Gonzalez-Socoloske also works as associate editor of the Latin American Journal of Aquatic Mammals and has shared his expertise in conservation biology at scholarly conventions, including the 2019 Andrews Autumn Conference on Religion and Science and the 2023 Biologos Creation Care Summit.

His rigorous scholarship has given him credibility in the world of manatee biology and a platform for sharing his passion for responsible stewardship of God's creation. He has published his findings in peer-reviewed journals, engaging educators worldwide in discussions of faith and science.

For ongoing commitment to integrating faith, science and a Biblical worldview for environmental stewardship at Andrews University and beyond, the faculty of Andrews University are proud to present Daniel Gonzalez-Socoloske with the John Nevins Andrews Medallion.