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# Nelson Institute faculty selected as fall 2018 honored instructors

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[University of Wisconsin - Madison University Housing](#) recently announced those nominated as fall 2018 outstanding professors through the [Honored Instructor program](#). Among the recipients are [Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies](#) faculty members [Adrian Treves](#), Professor and Founder of the [Carnivore Coexistence Lab](#), Samer Alatout, Associate Professor of Community and Environmental Sociology and Environmental Studies, and [Tom Bryan](#), [Environment and Resources](#) graduate student.



Adrian Treves



Samer Alatout



Tom Bryan

Each semester, University Housing residents nominate instructors on campus to receive this esteemed award. Students are encouraged to nominate instructors that have challenged them academically, inspired them to pursue their goals, and positively supported them. This student-run initiative began in fall 2007 and has continued each semester since then.

"The most gratifying and humbling aspect for me is that students nominated us of their own accord," said Treves, who was nominated by the students in his fall 2018 Introductory Ecology course. "I want to thank the students, but I can't because the nominations are anonymous, so I will thank my colleagues in the UW-Madison Teaching Academy who inspired me to try harder each semester."

Bryan, who co-instructs [Principles of Environmental Science](#) and conducts research with [Professor Cathy Middlecamp](#) regarding the environmental impact of campus food systems, echoed Treves' statement.

"Every one of my past and current students has made me the instructor I am today. For that, I have mountains of untold gratitude

for them. Thank you to the Nelson Institute and UW Housing for their years of support,” stated Bryan.

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