Nowak receives Poland's top engineering award

Civil engineering professor Andrzej S. Nowak has received the most prestigious award given by the Warsaw University of Technology, Poland's top engineering school and Nowak's alma mater.

The Medal Politechniki Warszawskiej is given annually to someone who has made significant achievements in science and engineering. Nowak was recognized for his contributions to structural engineering. He studies the reliability of structures and conducts risk analysis for bridges and buildings.

"I feel very honored," Nowak said. "It was such a surprise. I didn't even know I was nominated."

Nowak has been at UNL for one year. He previously taught at the University of Michigan for 25 years.