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Award being conferred: Honorary Doctor of the University of South Australia (DUniv)
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Chancellor, the University of South Australia awards the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University to a person of eminence who has made a distinguished contribution to public service, or a field of academic endeavour or artistic pursuit. It is my pleasure to present Professor Robyn Williams AM for the honorary degree of Doctor of the University, in recognition of his distinguished service to the community.

Professor Williams is a science journalist and broadcaster who presents Radio National's The Science Show and Ockham's Razor.

Although he graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in England, Professor Williams admits to spending as much time acting as studying. Early in his career he made guest appearances in The Goodies, Monty Python's Flying Circus and Doctor Who, and stood in for Tom Jones for four months in his TV series.

He has conducted countless interviews with scientists on ABC TV on programs such as Quantum and Catalyst, narrated the Nature of Australia series and appeared in World Safari with David Attenborough.

Outside the ABC, Professor Williams has served in various capacities, including president of the Australian Museum Trust, chairman of the Commission for the Future, and president of the Australian Science Communicators. In 1987, he was proclaimed a National Living Treasure.

In 1993, he was the first journalist elected as a Fellow Member of the Australian Academy of Science. He was appointed AM in the 1988 Australian Bicentenary honours list and in the same year received honorary doctorates in science from the University of Sydney and Macquarie and Deakin Universities. The Australian National University awarded him a doctorate of law, and he is a visiting professor at the University of NSW and an adjunct professor at the University of Queensland.

A Reuters fellowship at Oxford University allowed him time to write his autobiography, And Now for Something Completely Different. He was a visiting Fellow at Balliol (BAY LEE ILL) College Oxford in 1995-96.
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Professor Williams has written more than 10 books, the latest being a novel, *2007: a true story waiting to happen*.

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