

Edward S. Deevey Award

Edward S. Deevey, a founder of modern paleoecology, was a dedicated student advisor who mentored many investigators active in the field of paleoecology today. To honor his memory and to encourage high-quality research by graduate students, the Paleoecology Section presents an award for the best oral or poster presentation by a student in paleoecology at the ESA Annual Meeting.



Alex W. Ireland, a Ph.D candidate in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Lehigh University, is the winner of the 2011 Deevey award for his presentation: "Hydroclimatic variability and basin morphology control terrestrialization in glacial kettles." His presentation was co-authored by Robert Booth. His research investigated the sensitivity of kettlehole ecosystems in northern Wisconsin to abrupt drought-induced transformation, and he presented evidence contrary to prevailing paradigms of terrestrialization.

Mr. Ireland completed a Bachelor of Science from Clarion University in 2007. The Paleoecology Section thanks students who competed for this year's Deevey Award, and we encourage them and others to participate in the 2012 competition, to be held in Portland, Oregon.