

The Buell Award Selection Committee also gave an Honourable Mention to Nicholas S. G. Williams for his paper, "The influence of plant species attributes on local extinctions in urban and rural grasslands." Nick is a student at the Australian Research Centre for Urban Ecology in the School of Botany, University of Melbourne.

Student Awards Selection Committee: Karen Clancy (Chair), Anita Davelos, Paul Marino, Christopher Sacchi, J. Alan Yeakley.

E. LUCY BRAUN AWARD

E. Lucy Braun was an eminent plant ecologist and the first woman president of the Ecological Society of America. Besides describing and mapping the deciduous forest regions of eastern North America, Lucy Braun served as a dedicated teacher and role model to her students. To honor her, this award is presented to a student for the outstanding poster presentation at the Society's Annual Meeting.

The 2003 winner of the E. Lucy Braun Award is Sean T. Michaletz



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for his poster "A processbased approach for predicting surface fire effects on trees," based on his current master's research at the University of Calgary under the supervision of Edward A. Johnson. The Braun judges were impressed with the complex design of Sean's study, and with his clear explanation of how he used non-trivial mathematics to demonstrate that a detailed understanding of fire behavior and heat transfer is necessary for predicting postfire tree mortality. Sean used very effective illustrations in his poster, and he did a great job of identifying the biological implications of his research. This project explores new terrain, bringing fundamental concepts from engineering to ecology; it has considerable applied value. Sean received his B.A. in 2001 from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Braun Award Selection Committee also gave an Honourable Mention to Lina Taneva for her poster, "Responses of forest soil respiration to elevated CO₂: implications for soil carbon storage." Lina is a student at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

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THOMAS M. FROST AWARD

Thomas M. Frost was the director of the University of Wisconsin Trout Lake Station from 1981 until his death in 2000. His colleagues remember him as a dedicated and creative scientist who brought a gentle, caring humanity to our endeavors. To honor Tom's commitments to aquatic ecology and to graduate student education, the Aquatic Section initiated the Thomas M. Frost Award for Excellence in Graduate Research in 2002. This award recognizes an outstanding paper resulting from research done as a graduate student.