



## 2009 Eugene P. Odum Education Award

Christine Flanagan

Christine Flanagan of the U.S. Botanic Garden will receive this year's Eugene P. Odum award, which recognizes an ecologist for outstanding work in ecology education. Through teaching, outreach, and mentoring activities, recipients of this award have demonstrated their ability to relate basic ecological principles to human affairs. As public programs manager at the U.S. Botanic Garden, Flanagan develops programs that are viewed by nearly a million visitors each year, including many U.S. legislators. Her interdisciplinary NSF-funded traveling exhibit, titled sLowlife, draws from science, art, and literature to explain plant movements. Flanagan's other activities involve educating the public about genetically engineered plants and the importance of pollinator conservation.