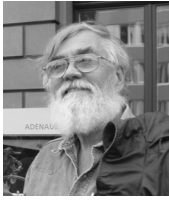


# 2015 esa AWARDS



Pianka

**The Eminent Ecologist Award** is given to a senior ecologist in recognition of an outstanding body of ecological work or of sustained ecological contributions of extraordinary merit. Nominees may be from any country and need not be ESA members. Recipients receive lifetime, active membership in the Society. This year's recipient is Eric R. Pianka.



Wheelwright

**The Eugene P. Odum Education Award** 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. This year's recipient is Nathaniel T. Wheelwright.



Pascual

**The Robert H. MacArthur Award** is given biannually to an established ecologist in mid-career for meritorious contributions to ecology, in the expectation of continued outstanding ecological research. Nominees may be from any country and need not be ESA members. The recipient is invited to prepare an address for presentation at the annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America and for publication in *Ecology*. This year's lecturer is Mercedes Pascual.



Ardón

**The Mercer Award** is given for an outstanding ecological research paper published within the past two years by a younger researcher (the lead author of the paper must be 40 years of age or younger at the time of publication). If the award is given for a paper with multiple authors, all authors will receive a certificate, and those 40 years of age or younger at the time of publication will share the monetary prize. Nominees may be from any country and need not be ESA members. Marcelo Ardón, Jennifer L. Morse, Benjamin P. Colman, and Emily S. Bernhardt for their paper published in *Drought-induced saltwater incursion leads to increased wetland nitrogen export*, in *Global Change Biology* 19:2976-2985.



McKenna

**The Commitment to Human Diversity in Ecology Award** recognizes long-standing contributions and outstanding work towards fostering, supporting, and increasing the diversity of future ecologists through mentoring, teaching, or outreach. This year's recipient is Mary A. McKenna.



Lany

Murray F. Buell had a long and distinguished record of service and accomplishment in the Ecological Society of America. Among other things, he ascribed great importance to the participation of students in meetings and to excellence in the presentation of papers. To honor his selfless dedication to the younger generation of ecologists, **The Murray F. Buell Award for Excellence in Ecology** is given to a student for the most outstanding oral presentation at the ESA Annual Meeting. The winner of the Buell award is Nina Lany. Also selected were two students for Honorable Mention and they are Michael Barber and Dustin Ranglack.



Brown



Vellend

**The William Skinner Cooper Award** is given to honor an outstanding contributor to the fields of geobotany, physiographic ecology, plant succession, or the distribution of plants along environmental gradients, the fields in which W. S. Cooper worked. The award is for a single contribution in a scientific publication (singly or multiply authored). Nominees need not be ESA members and can be of any nationality. This year's recipients are Carissa D. Brown and Mark Vellend for their 2014 paper "Non-climatic constraints on upper elevational plant range expansion under climate change" in *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 281: 20141779.



Bunn

**The Honorary Member Award** is given to a distinguished ecologist who has made exceptional contributions to ecology and whose principal residence and site of ecological research are outside of the United States and Canada. Up to three awards may be made in any one year until a total of 20 living Honorary Members is reached. This year's recipient is Stuart E. Bunn.



Inderjit

**The Whittaker Distinguished Ecologist Award** recognizes an ecologist with an earned doctorate, and an outstanding record of contributions in ecology, who is not a U.S. citizen and is not currently residing in the U.S. This award provides funds for travel to the U.S. for research or to attend a meeting and covers expenses up to \$2000. This year's recipient is Inderjit.



Covich

**The Distinguished Service Citation** is given annually to recognize long and distinguished service to the Ecological Society of America, to the larger scientific community, and to the larger purpose of ecology in the public welfare. This year's recipient is Alan Covich.