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 1993 winner of the award is Rebecca A. Reed for her poster "Nutrient supply available to species colonizing gaps in chalk grassland," based on her M. Phil. thesis research conducted under the supervision of Peter J. Grubb at the University of Cambridge. Rebecca received her bachelor's degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Wyoming.

Receiving an honorable mention citation is Stephen B. Heard of the University of Pennsylvania for his poster "A commensal interaction between pitcher plant midges and mosquitoes, and its resource processing mechanism."

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