Among the qualities that have allowed Tilman to achieve such an effect on our discipline are these: a fluency in both the experimental and theoretical realms of ecology, a precise focus on the tasks at hand, patience to perform long-term studies, a vision of the important questions facing our discipline, a deep faith in the methods of science, and a resolve to apply them to the problems of our planet. He has contributed to the field by service on the editorial boards of *Limnology and Oceanography, Ecology* and *Ecological Monographs, The American Naturalist, Acta Oecologica*, and *Science*, and is the founding editor of *Ecological Issues*. For sustained contributions he has received grants, honors, and awards too numerous to list completely, but including a Guggenheim Fellowship, Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Science, the W. S. Cooper Award, and Pew Scholar in Conservation Biology.

**MacArthur Award Subcommittee**
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Murray F. Buell ascribed great importance to the participation of students at meetings and to excellence in the presentation of papers. To honor his dedication to the Ecological Society of America and to the younger generation of ecologists, this award is presented to a student for the outstanding oral paper presented at the Society’s annual meeting.

The 1996 winner of the Murray F. Buell award is Sara C. Hotchkiss for her paper, "A 29,000-year record of vegetation and fire history from Kohala Mountain, Hawaii," based on her current doctoral research at the University of Minnesota under the supervision of Margaret Davis. Sara received her bachelor’s degree from Oberlin College.

Receiving honorable mention citations are Gary A. Krupnick of the University of California–Irvine for his paper “Where has all the pollen gone?: A look at male reproductive success in *Isomeris arborea*” and Nora C. Underwood of Duke University for her paper “Plant genotype effects the population dynamics of an herbivorous insect.”

**E. LUCY BRAUN AWARD**

**Andrew P. Beckerman**

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 1996 winner of the E. Lucy Braun Award is Andrew P. Beckerman for his poster “Mechanistic competition experiments: an included niche scenario for two grasshopper species in an old field community,” based on his current doctoral research at Yale University under the supervision of Oswald Schmitz. Andrew received his bachelor’s degree from Tufts University and his master’s degree from Yale University.

**1996 Student Awards Selection Committee**
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