

# Awards

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## **E. LUCY BRAUN AWARD**

### **Timothy L. Dickson**

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 2002 winner of the E. Lucy Braun Award is Timothy L. Dickson for his poster "Constraints on plant diversity at high productivity: isolating the role of light limitation," based on his current doctoral research at the University of Kansas under the supervision of Bryan Foster. The Braun Award judges were impressed with the novelty of Tim's experiment, in which he manipulated both soil nutrients and light to address the important and difficult question of why the diversity of plants initially increases and then declines as the productivity of sites increases from low to high levels. The experiment was well designed, the analysis was complete and logical, and the presentation was understandable. Moreover, Tim provided thoughtful and clear answers to questions that the judges posed to him. Tim received his B.A. in 1999 from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

*Braun Award Selection Committee: Karen Clancy (Chair), Judith Bronstein, Paul Marino, Cynthia Paszkowski, Christopher Sacchi, William Tonn, J. Alan Yeakley*