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WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA AWARDS

FELLOWS

The nominees must be active members of the WSSA at the time of their nomination and have been active members for at least 10 years. They must have made substantial contributions in more than one of the following areas: (1) professional publications, (2) educational contributions other than publications, (3) development or improvement of weed science programs, practices, and products, (4) other professional contributions, (5) service to WSSA or regional conferences, and (6) service to the profession outside the society. Up to 0.25 percent of the active membership of WSSA may be elected to fellowship in one year.

HONORARY MEMBER

Honorary memberships are given for significant contributions to the field of weed science. Active membership in WSSA is not a requirement.

OUTSTANDING REVIEWERS

This award recognizes WSSA journal reviewing excellence. Winners of the award are determined by Associate Editor Reviewer rankings and completed review times. The two reviewers with the highest rankings (composite score of quality, number and return times) receive the award.

EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM AWARD

Awarded annually to an individual(s) for excellence in journalistic coverage that increases public understanding of science-based information related to weeds and fosters awareness of weeds and their impacts on managed and natural ecosystems. Sponsored by WSSA.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

A competitive research grant awarded to undergraduate students to encourage and support undergraduate involvement in weed science research. Sponsored by WSSA Endowment.

OUTSTANDING INDUSTRY AWARD

The recipient must be a member of the WSSA and be employed in private industry. This award recognizes professional accomplishments via products, processes, patents, and publications.

ANNUAL MEETING GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTS

The purpose of these grants is to encourage the involvement of graduate students in the annual WSSA meeting early in their degree programs, and to broaden the attendance of graduate students from nontraditional weed science research programs. The grants are limited to students for their first time WSSA meeting attendance.

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Early Career Outstanding Scientist Award

Rodrigo Werle



Dr. Rodrigo Werle is an Associate Professor and Extension Cropping Systems Weed Scientist in the Department of Plant and Agroecosystem Sciences at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, where he leads the WiscWeeds Research and Extension Program. Raised in a farming community in São Paulo, Brazil, he earned his BS in Agronomy from São Paulo State University and his MS and PhD in Weed Science from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, where he briefly served as an Assistant Professor and Extension Cropping Systems Specialist before joining UW–Madison in 2018. His research and outreach program focuses on practical, economically viable, and

environmentally sustainable weed management for corn, soybean, and small grain systems, emphasizing herbicide selection, resistance mitigation, cover crops, and precision herbicide application technologies. He has published over 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts. Since joining UW–Madison, Dr. Werle's program has produced more than 70 technical bulletins and blog posts, 130 extension videos, delivered 260 Extension presentations, hosted 45 field days and workshops, secured over \$4.5 million in grants and industry support, and conducted more than 500 research trials. He leads a large, multidisciplinary team of graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and academic staff, mentoring young talent and guiding research that is both scientifically rigorous and directly translatable to growers and decision influencers. To date, he has graduated 9 MS and 4 PhD students, currently advises 8 graduate students, and serves as coach of the Badger Weeds Team. Dr. Werle actively engages stakeholders through both traditional Extension events and modern digital strategies, maximizing the reach and impact of his program. He is an active member of the North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS) and serves as an Associate Editor for *Weed Technology*. His contributions have been recognized through numerous awards, including the WSSA Outstanding Graduate Student and Outstanding Paper in Weed Technology, and the NCWSS Outstanding Young Scientist and Outstanding Graduate Student awards. Outside of work, Rodrigo enjoys spending time with family and friends, exploring the outdoors, riding motorcycles, and celebrating the people who have shaped his life and career. He dedicates this award to his mentors, former and current lab members, stakeholders, colleagues, family, and friends.

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Fellow Award

Larry E. Steckel



Dr. Larry Steckel is a professor in the Department of Plant Sciences at the University of Tennessee. He was raised on a small family farm near Carrollton, Illinois. He received his B.S. in Agronomy in 1987 from Western Illinois University and his M.S. in Weed Science from the University of Missouri in 1989. Larry then joined Pioneer Hi-Bred International, where he worked for 10 years as an agronomist. In the spring of 2000, he left Pioneer to pursue a Ph.D. and received his doctorate in 2003 from the University of Illinois under the direction

of Dr. Christy Sprague.

In 2003, he joined the Department of Plant Sciences at the University of Tennessee, where he holds a weed science Extension (75%) and research (25%) appointment. Larry's extensive applied research program in row crops focuses on the biology and management of three troublesome, multiple-herbicide-resistant weeds: Palmer amaranth, Italian ryegrass, and horseweed. These plant pests cause some of the most significant management challenges for Tennessee growers.

His research program has been recognized by numerous awards including the University of Tennessee AgResearch Impact Award, the Outstanding Paper Award in 2017 and 2018 for manuscripts in Weed Technology, in addition to the Superior Paper Award for a manuscript in the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers in 2018. In 2023, he was named a Fellow of the Southern Weed Science Society (SWSS). He has also authored or co-authored more than 100 refereed journal articles.

Larry has been a member of WSSA since 1988, when he attended his first meeting as a student. He has served on the WSSA Board of Directors as Secretary (2015-16) and on the WSSA Executive Board as President Elect (2017-18), Vice President (2018-19), and President (2019-20). He has served as an associate editor for the journal Weed Technology since 2006 and has reviewed more than 100 manuscripts.

He considers it a great honor to have mentored three master's students and six Ph.D. students to completion of their degrees. Seeing these students develop has been one of the most rewarding aspects of his career, and he is very proud of their many accomplishments. He knows this group of young pest management scientists is having, and will continue to have, very positive impacts on advancing agriculture as their careers mature.

Another rewarding aspect of his career has been helping farmers, consultants, and county Extension agents navigate challenging weed management problems. He enjoys talking with them whether in the field, at Extension meetings (of which he has presented at more than 700), or over the phone. His Extension program has been recognized by the WSSA Extension Award in 2015, by the SWSS 2019 Outstanding Educator Award, and by the SWSS 2021 Excellence in Regulatory Stewardship Award.

Larry is always eager to find solutions to agronomic and weed science problems, and he feels it is an honor to be part of this process.

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Fellow Award

Joseph Neal



Dr. Joseph C. Neal has dedicated over 44 years to the advancement of weed science through his Extension, research, extension, teaching, and service. Currently a Professor and Extension Specialist at North Carolina State University, following a tenure as Associate Professor at Cornell University, Dr. Neal has focused his expertise on weed management for nursery crops, landscape plantings, Christmas trees, and turfgrass. His publications include both basic and applied research, and impactful Extension resources, most notably as the co-author of *Weeds of the Northeast*, a standard resource for students and professionals in the region with over 127,000 copies sold. Throughout his career, Dr. Neal and his graduate students have explored diverse topics, including the biological control of weeds, invasive plant management, quinclorac mode of action, and the economics of weed control practices. His applied research and advocacy within the IR-4 Environmental Horticulture program have been instrumental in the registration of several critical herbicides used throughout the ornamentals and turfgrass industries. According to one industry colleague – were it not for his preliminary research and advocacy, one of the most widely used preemergence herbicides in nurseries and landscapes would not have been developed. Dr. Neal has developed extensive print and digital resources; his extension website reaches a global audience across 120 countries and over 21,000 page views each year. His service to the WSSA has included participation in every WSSA annual conference since 1984, service on the Board of Directors, chaired several sections and committees, and co-organized four symposia. He has also served in leadership roles in the International Bioherbicide Group, The North Carolina Invasive Plant Council, the NC Weed Sci. Soc. and is Past-President and Fellow of the NEWSS. Dr. Neal's contributions have been recognized with several prestigious honors, including the 2022 WSSA Outstanding Extension Award, the USDA-IR-4 SOAR Award, the NEWSS Outstanding Researcher Award, and the NC Weed Sci. Soc. Distinguished Service Award.

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Excellence in Journalism Award

Sarah Lancaster



Dr. Sarah Lancaster grew up on a crop-and-livestock farm in east central Missouri. She earned a B.S. in Plant Sciences from the University of Missouri, an M.S. in Crop Science from North Carolina State University, and a Ph.D. in Agronomy from Texas A&M University.

She is an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in the Department of Agronomy at Kansas State University. Her extension and applied research programs address practical weed management challenges such as herbicide resistance and integrated weed management in major Kansas crops, including corn, cotton, soybean, grain sorghum, and wheat. Dr. Lancaster provides information that is actionable and accessible for farmers, consultants, and industry partners across Kansas through extension publications, outreach

events, and digital media efforts, including the War Against Weeds podcast. Her research has been supported by a range of agricultural organizations and has focused on topics such as residual herbicide programs, cover crops, and precision weed management tools.

Before joining K-State in 2019, Dr. Lancaster served on the faculty at Missouri State University and Oklahoma State University, where she taught courses in agronomy, weed science, and soil science, and enjoyed mentoring both undergraduate and graduate students.

Dr. Lancaster is a member of the WSSA and NCWSS, serving both organizations in various capacities.

Excellence in Journalism Award

Joe Ikley

Joe is an Associate Professor and Extension Weed Specialist for North Dakota State University. He has state-wide Extension responsibility for all crops except potato and sugarbeet. Management of herbicide resistant and other problematic weeds are a primary focus of his Extension programming. His research program focuses on managing difficult to control and herbicide resistant weeds in corn, soybean, and dry edible beans.



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Excellence in Journalism Award

Alyssa Essman



Alyssa Essman is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science at Ohio State and serves as the State Extension Specialist for weed management. She leads applied research and extension efforts focused on integrated weed management in agronomic cropping systems.

Excellence in Journalism Award

Stephanie DeSimini

Stephanie DeSimini is the Conference Coordinator for Purdue Pesticide Programs at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. In this role, she oversees the planning and execution of educational events and training programs that support pesticide safety and regulatory compliance across Indiana. Prior to her current role, Stephanie spent four years as a research specialist in a weed science extension program at North Dakota State University, where she contributed to field trials and greenhouse experiments. Stephanie earned both her bachelor's degree in plant science (2016) and her master's degree in weed science (2019) from Purdue University. Since 2022, Stephanie has served as the Editor of War Against Weeds, a podcast dedicated to weed science education and outreach. In this role, she edits episodes, collaborates with hosts and guests to develop engaging content, and manages the podcast's social media presence. Stephanie continues to advocate for informed decision-making in pest management through her work at Purdue and beyond.



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Outstanding Extension Award

Brad Hanson



Brad Hanson is a Cooperative Extension Weed Specialist in the Plant Sciences Department at UC Davis. His statewide research and extension program is focused on weed management in orchards, vineyards, and annual crops with a special interest in herbicide performance and crop safety, herbicide-resistant weeds, and parasitic weeds. Brad earned his BS degree in agriculture at Iowa State University and his MS and PhD degrees in weed science at the University of Idaho. Before joining the faculty at UC Davis in 2009, Brad led a USDA-ARS weed and nematode research program near Fresno, California. Brad's research is often done in direct collaborations with farmers, industry stakeholders, student and postdoctoral scientists, and UC Farm Advisors with the ultimate goal of reducing the impact of weeds and weed control practices on cropping system productivity.

Outstanding Graduate Student

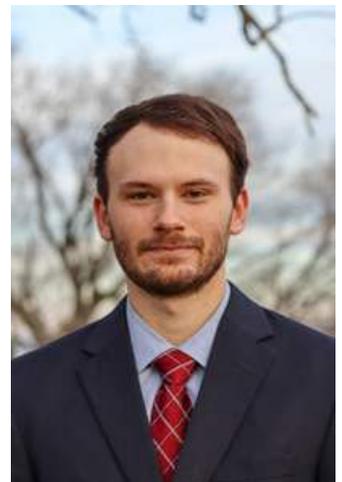
Tristen Avent

Tristen Avent, originally from Somerville, TN, grew up on a family farm. He earned his B.S. in Agriculture from the University of Tennessee–Martin in 2019, completing a precision agriculture certification and a minor in business administration. An internship with Gowan Company sparked his interest in research, leading him to pursue an M.S. degree at the University of Arkansas, which he completed in 2022. His thesis evaluated fenclorim seed treatments for safening rice to Group 15 herbicides, contributing to seven intellectual property filings and earning the SWSS Outstanding M.S. Award and the Dale Bumpers College Outstanding M.S. Award.

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Soybean Promotion Board Fellowship, and the Dale Bumpers College Outstanding Ph.D. Award. He is grateful for research support from Cotton Incorporated, the United Soybean Board, and John Deere/Blue River Technologies.

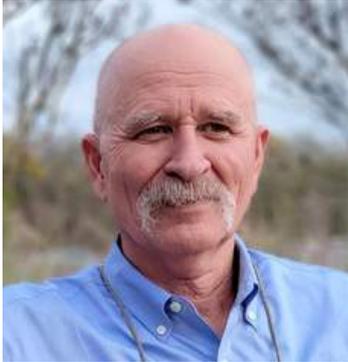
During graduate school, Tristen was part of the University of Arkansas Weed Team, which finished first at the Southern Weed Contest in 2021 and 2022 and at the National Weed Contest in 2023. Tristen was the first-place individual in the weed contests in 2022 and 2024. He has authored 18 peer-reviewed publications, published 8 research series papers, published 2 extension fact sheets, and presented at 35 scientific meetings. Today, Tristen is a Technical Service Representative for UPL North America and remains committed to advancing weed science through research collaboration, volunteerism, and service to professional societies.



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Outstanding Industry Award

Gary Schwarzlose



Gary Schwarzlose is a Principal Field Agronomist with Bayer Research and Development. He received his B.S. in Agronomy (1983) and his Master's of Ag in Agricultural Chemistry (1984), both from Texas A&M University.

Following graduation, Gary and his family moved to Leland, MS to work at the American Hoechst research farm. During his 41+ years in the industry, he has worked for Stauffer Chemical, American Hoechst, Hoechst-Roussel Agri-Vet, AgrEvo, Aventis, and Bayer CropScience. His job responsibilities have included Assistant Research Biologist, Herbicide Specialist, Field Development Rep, Technical Service Rep, Sales Rep, Principal Scientist, and now Principal Field

Agronomist. His territories have included states from New Mexico to Alabama. In 1992, he moved back to Texas and is there to stay.

His current job responsibilities are to evaluate early phase product chemistry in various cropping systems throughout his territory. Trial disciplines include herbicide, insecticide, fungicide, and seed growth products. He is frequently involved with the evaluation and improvement of Bayer CropScience Field Solutions' business activities. He helps develop, evaluate, and maintain upcoming hardware and software as it relates to current and future business models. Gary serves as the North America lead for a Bayer CropScience team which evaluates new software and trains users on the use of these programs for trial and data management.

In the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) he has chaired the Sustaining Membership Committee and the Industry Award Committees. He has been an active member of the Finance, Professional Development and Membership, Photo Contest, Local Arrangements, and Endowment Fund Committees

Gary has been an active member of the American Peanut Research and Education Society (APRES), the Southern Weed Science Society (SWSS), and the Weed Science Society of America, serving on numerous committees in those societies over the years.

He is a Past-President of the Southern Weed Science Society the Texas Plant Protection Association (TPPA), and the American Peanut Research and Education Society.

Gary has received several awards, including being named a 2021 APRES Fellow, 2023 SWSS Fellow, and a 2021 Special Achievement Award from the West Texas Agricultural Institutes. He was recognized by the TPPA with an Industry Award, the Ray Smith Leadership Award, and the 2022 TPPA Norman Borlaug Lifetime Achievement Award

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Outstanding Research Award

Todd Gaines



Dr. Todd Gaines is a Professor in the Department of Agricultural Biology at Colorado State University. His specialization is in molecular weed science and functional weed genomics. He grew up on a wheat farm in Colorado and completed his PhD in weed science at CSU, followed by post-docs at the University of Western Australia and at Bayer CropScience in Germany. His research goal is to support sustainable weed management in cropping systems. He is the Director of the International Weed Genomics Consortium. Projects in his research group include identifying the molecular and genetic basis of herbicide resistance mechanisms and other genetic traits in weeds, and developing rapid molecular diagnostics for herbicide resistance. He teaches courses at CSU on weed physiology, integrated pest management, pesticide resistance, and he is the faculty coordinator for the Pest Management MS professional degree.

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Outstanding Teacher Award

Jason Norsworthy



Jason Norsworthy received a B.S. in Plant Sciences – Agronomy in 1995 from Louisiana Tech University and his M.S. in Plant Sciences – Weed Science at the University of Arkansas in 1997. After completing his Ph.D. in Plant Sciences – Weed Science in 2000 from the University of Arkansas, he spent six years on the faculty at Clemson University. He returned to the University of Arkansas in 2006, rising to the academic rank of Distinguished Professor with tenure in the Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences Department, where he holds the University of Arkansas' endowed Elms Farming Chair of Weed Science. He teaches Principles of Weed Control and team-teaches Integrated Pest Management and Weed Science Practicum, a class aimed at preparing students for the annual weed contest. He

has directed the completion of 48 M.S. degrees, 12 Ph.D. degrees, and 10 Postdoctoral Associates and has served on numerous graduate student committees. Currently, Dr. Norsworthy advises 11 graduate students and mentors 3 Postdoctoral Associates. He takes pride in his students' numerous accomplishments, including their successes in industry and academia. His students have been honored more than 750 times with state, regional, and national awards. Those mentored by Dr. Norsworthy have been essential to the more than 400 refereed journal publications and over \$21 million in support directed to his program. The ability to shape students' lives through classroom instruction, examining current weed management challenges and developing solutions to real-world problems using concept-driven learning, and opportunities for one-on-one mentoring or in-depth discussions are what Dr. Norsworthy finds most rewarding in his academic position. Beyond formal classroom instruction, he also values getting research findings to farmers and consultants, the ultimate end-users of his endeavors. In 2018, Dr. Norsworthy was named a Fellow of the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) and received the Outstanding Researcher Award from WSSA. In 2024, he was named a Fellow of the Southern Weed Science Society. Dr. Norsworthy has served as Editor-in-Chief for Weed Technology since 2012.

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US-HRAC Herbicide Resistance Management Award

Kevin Bradley



Kevin Bradley is a Professor and State Extension Weed Scientist in the Division of Plant Sciences and Technology at the University of Missouri. A native of Virginia, he earned a B.S. degree in Agriculture from Ferrum College and a Ph.D. in Weed Science from Virginia Tech. He joined the University of Missouri faculty in 2003, where his appointment includes integrated extension and research responsibilities focused on weed management in corn, soybean, and pasture systems. Dr. Bradley's primary research emphasis has been the development of strategies to manage and mitigate herbicide-resistant weed populations, with particular focus on

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Outstanding Paper in Weed Science Award

Andrew McKenzie-Gopsill

Dr. Andrew McKenzie-Gopsill is a research scientist in weed science with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada at the Charlottetown Research and Development Centre in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada. Andrew obtained his Ph.D. in weed science from the University of Guelph under the supervision of Dr. Clarence Swanton and accepted his current position with Agriculture Canada in 2016. At Agriculture Canada, Andrew's work focuses on the development of novel weed management tactics, the use and integration of cover crops for weed management, weed community modeling, and weed biology and ecology in Atlantic Canada. Andrew is an associate editor for the Canadian Journal of Plant Science, Botany, and Weed Science and has been actively involved in the Canadian Weed Science Society for over 10 years in various positions including as the society's current president. In his spare time Andrew likes to garden, ferment anything and everything, camp, and spend time with his wife and three kids.



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Outstanding Paper in Weed Technology Award

Rebecca Rooney

Dr. Rebecca Rooney, Associate Professor in the Department of Biology at the University of Waterloo, is a wetland ecologist and world expert on biomonitoring. Her research program tackles applied and policy-relevant questions around invasive plant management, ecological restoration, and biodiversity conservation. Through a knowledge co-production model of research, she and her partners improve the design of restored wetlands, provide tools for evaluating their integrity, and evidence-based recommendations on the most successful techniques for invasive species control.



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Outstanding Reviewer Award - Weed Science

Sachin Dhanda



Dr. Sachin Dhanda is an Assistant Professor of Weed Ecology in the Department of Agronomy, Horticulture and Plant Science at South Dakota State University (SDSU). He grew up on a family farm in Haryana, a state in northern India, which sparked his early interest in agriculture. Dr. Dhanda earned his B.S. (Honors) in Agriculture from CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, India. He completed his M.S. in Agronomy with a specialization in weed science at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, India, under the mentorship of Dr. Simerjeet Kaur. He earned his Ph.D. from Kansas State University under the guidance of Dr. Vipin Kumar and Dr. Anita Dille. Following the completion of his doctorate, Dr. Dhanda worked for one year as a postdoctoral associate with Dr. Debalin Sarangi at the University of Minnesota before joining SDSU in May 2025. His research focuses on understanding the biology and ecology of problematic weeds and developing integrated weed management strategies for South Dakota cropping systems. Dr. Dhanda teaches a weed science course to undergraduate and graduate students. Dr. Dhanda has authored 26 peer-reviewed journal articles, 30 conference abstracts, and 10 extension publications and has delivered seven invited talks. He serves as a reviewer for several leading scientific journals, including Weed Science, Weed Technology, Pest Management Science, Crop Science, and Agronomy Journal. He is an active member of the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA), North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS), and Western Society of Weed Science (WSWS). Dr. Dhanda has received more than 40 awards and scholarships, including the Outstanding Graduate Student Award from WSSA, the Elena Sanchez Outstanding Student Award from WSWS, a \$10,000 Dissertation Fellowship from the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the Graduate Student Teaching Award from the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA), and the Impactful Research Award and Career Development Award from the University of Minnesota Postdoctoral Association.

Outstanding Reviewer Award - Weed Technology

Shawn Beam

Dr. Shawn Beam serves as a Technical Service Representative at BASF, supporting the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions of the US. In this role, Dr. Beam delivers technical training and strategic guidance on BASF crop protection products for row and specialty crops. Dr. Beam collaborates with university extension specialists to conduct research trials, enhancing local expertise and product confidence during launches. Previously, Dr. Beam participated in BASF's Professional Development Program in Nebraska, focusing on herbicide and fungicide research in corn and soybeans. Dr. Beam holds an M.S. from North Carolina State University and a Ph.D. from Virginia Tech, both in weed science. Dr. Beam's doctoral research investigated integrated weed management approaches in soybean and wheat systems. Throughout these roles, Dr. Beam has developed extensive experience in pesticide application and in supporting safe, effective management of weeds, diseases, and insect pests.



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Outstanding Reviewer Award - IPSM

David Gorchov



Dave Gorchov is a professor of Biology at Miami University (Ohio), interested in deer and invasive plant impacts on tree regeneration and native plant diversity, and the interactions between deer and invasive plants.

Outstanding Associate Editor Award - Weed Science

Bhagirath Chauhan

Professor Bhagirath Chauhan leads the cropping weeds team at the University of Queensland, based at the university's Gatton campus. He works closely with growers in the northern grain region of Australia and leads national research projects focused on weed ecology, biology, and management.

Before joining the University of Queensland, he worked at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), where he conducted research across several major rice-growing countries, including China, India, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam.



Professor Chauhan has published numerous peer-reviewed journal articles, books, book chapters, and review papers that have collectively advanced the global understanding of weed ecology and management.

Professor Chauhan has won the WSSA Honorary Member Award, Asian-Pacific Weed Science Society (APWSS) Young Scientist Award and Indian Society of Weed Science 'Special Recognition' Award.

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Outstanding Associate Editor Award - Weed Technology

Kevin Bradley



Kevin Bradley is a Professor and State Extension Weed Scientist in the Division of Plant Sciences and Technology at the University of Missouri. A native of Virginia, he earned a B.S. degree in Agriculture from Ferrum College and a Ph.D. in Weed Science from Virginia Tech. He joined the University of Missouri faculty in 2003, where his appointment includes integrated extension and research responsibilities focused on weed management in corn, soybean, and pasture systems. Dr. Bradley's primary research emphasis has been the development of strategies to manage and

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Outstanding Associate Editor Award - IPSM

Ryan Wersal



Dr. Wersal received his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Biology from Minnesota State University, Mankato in 2002 and 2004 respectively. He moved to Mississippi in 2004 and worked as a Research Associate at Mississippi State University, received his PhD in Weed Science in 2010, and was a Postdoctoral Researcher from 2011-2012. While at Mississippi State University he took part in many research projects across the country on all aspects of aquatic plant ecology and management. After Mississippi State University he accepted the global Aquatic Plant Scientist position with Lonza in Alpharetta, GA, where he coordinated the interaction between business, research, and technology personnel in Lonza's Water Treatment division. He oversaw the global research and development projects with respect to aquatic herbicides and algaecides. Currently, he is a tenured Associate Professor of Aquatic Weed Science and the

Biology Graduate Coordinator at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He teaches courses in General Biology, Environmental Regulations, General Ecology, Lake Ecology, Wetlands, and Principles of Weed Science. Dr. Wersal co-developed the new Bachelor of Applied Science in Agronomy degree that was launched in 2024 in the Department of Biological Sciences at Minnesota State University. Dr. Wersal's research has resulted in 67 peer-reviewed journal articles, four article in press, three patents, over 200 presentations at international, national, or regional meetings, and > \$3.2 million in funding. He received the 2023 Outstanding Research/Technical Contributor Award from The Aquatic Plant Management Society and the 2022 Excellence in Faculty Research Award, College of Science, Engineering, and Technology, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Outside of his university duties, he serves as an Associate Editor for the Journal of Aquatic Plant Management, Invasive Plant Science and Management, Biological Invasions, and sits on the editorial board for the Journal of Freshwater Ecology. Dr. Wersal chaired the Invasive Plant Science and Management Outstanding Paper Award subcommittee; and served on the Science Policy, Noxious and Invasive Weeds, Nominating, Public Awareness, ad hoc Strategic Planning and Website committees for WSSA. Dr. Wersal has served on numerous committees for the Aquatic Plant Management Societies and is a Past President of both the Aquatic Plant Management Society and the MidSouth Aquatic Plant Management Society where he was awarded the President's Award from both Societies. He is a member of the Scientific Advisory Panel for the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation and is a former member of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Taskforce, and former chair of the Plant, Agriculture, and Environment Working Group for the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology.

2026 WSSA AWARDS

Public Service Award

Kelly Tindall

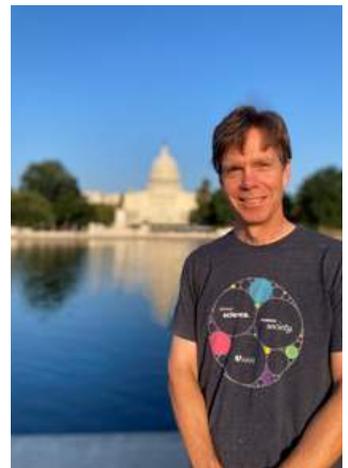


Kelly Tindall is an experienced entomologist with more than 20 years in applied agricultural research in academia (research and extension) and private-industry in a wide variety of crop production systems and regions. She holds a M.S. and a Ph.D. in Entomology from LSU in Baton Rouge, LA. Kelly's research throughout her career incorporated weed science and plant pathogen components. Kelly joined EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs as part of the Biological and Economic Analysis Division (BEAD) as a Biologist in 2016 where she worked on herbicide-related benefit assessments and provided expertise in rice production. In 2019, Kelly became a Senior Biologist in BEAD and provided technical expertise for scientific analyses related to pest control in a wide range of agricultural and non-agricultural settings - across all pesticide types. In her current position as a Senior Science Advisor, she frequently works across divisions to help inform risk assessments and Agency regulatory decisions. Currently, she is one of EPA's leads for Endangered Species Efforts. Throughout her career, she has developed numerous presentations/training materials on a diverse suite of pesticide related topics ranging from control, safety, and regulatory issues for a wide variety of audiences ranging from growers to the EPA Administrator. Her most recent position before starting at the EPA, was with DuPont Pioneer where she developed and managed the southern US entomological protocols for products with insecticidal traits nearing commercialization and coordinated southern locations for herbicide and seed treatment research programs for corn and soybean.

Publication Board - Retiring Editors

Martin Williams - Weed Science

Dr. Marty Williams has a 25-year history of leading public-sector crop & weed science research. He has a well-documented, internationally renowned reputation for framing high-caliber research, elucidating critical problems in crop production, and delivering solutions to vegetable seed and food processing industries in the U.S. and beyond. His teams are recognized for significant contributions to the improvement of edamame, snap bean, and sweet corn both within, and beyond, the field of weed science. He has received numerous special invitations to present his research in Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe, the Middle East, and throughout North America. Dr. Williams has provided decades of leadership to the Weed Science Society of America and the International Sweet Corn Development Association. Currently, he is Chief Executive Officer of the Wood Family Farm of northern Missouri and is an Affiliate Professor in the Department of Crop Sciences at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana. Dr. Williams is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



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Publication Board - Retiring Editors

Sharon Clay - Weed Science



Dr. Sharon A. Clay is a distinguished professor (emerita, 2024) of weed science at South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, where she had research (80%) and teaching (20%) responsibilities. She received a BS in horticulture from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, an MS in plant science from the University of Idaho, Moscow, and a PhD in agronomy from the University of Minnesota, St. Paul. She conducted weed management studies in cropping systems including soybean, corn, wheat, barley, flax, sunflower and safflower and rangeland. She worked on saline soil restoration and collaborated with soil microbiologists to examine endophytic relationships to determine if beneficials may be transferred to more desirable plants to provide some salinity tolerance. Other research topics included weed physiology, the influence of weeds on crop growth and genomic responses, and site-specific weed management strategies. She had over 45 graduate students (30 women) and has tried to be an advocate for work/life balance for all. She actively supported students and research with grants that totaled over \$10 million as PI and about \$50 million as Co-PI. Grants included state, regional, national, and international awards. She worked in numerous multidisciplinary teams, including other pest management specialists, entomologists, soil scientists, range ecologists, social scientists, data management specialists, geneticists, plant physiologists, and economists. She taught Weed Science for 35 yrs and had over 2000 students in class over the years.

Dr. Clay published over 280 peer-reviewed scientific articles, with an h-index of 48, over 8,700 citations, (GoogleScholar) and over 103,000 reads in ResearchGate. She has been ranked in the Best Plant Science and Agronomy Scientists (2025/2026). Three papers received "Paper of the Year" awards from Weed Science. Two of the papers dealt with weed/crop transcriptomics and examined up and down regulation of genes with and without weeds under field conditions. She also received outstanding papers in Agronomy Journal and Natural Science and Education. She served as editor and author of several books dealing with precision agriculture, site specific management, and calculations needed for agronomic recommendations. She edited the 2011 CRC Press book "GIS applications in agriculture: Vol. 3: Invasive Species" that presented 17 invited chapters from authors from over 15 countries dealing with mapping invasive species including feral pigs, insects, diseases, and weeds. Dr. Clay was an associate editor of Weed Science for over 15 years. She has also been an associate editor (6 years) and technical editor (6 years) for Agronomy Journal, and is currently technical editor of special collections for Agronomy Journal (2025-2028).

Dr. Clay had numerous leadership roles, including first woman president of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA) in 2013, initiating the Greenfield scholars program, which pairs students with certified crop advisors for workforce development. She served on over 50 national or regional grant review panels, acting as chair for several, including NSF, USDA-NIFA, and others. She was president of the South Dakota Chapters of the honorary societies of Sigma Xi and Gamma Sigma Delta, as well as served on numerous university committees. She was elected ASA fellow in 2009, and distinguished professor status at SDSU in 2017. In 2017, she also was awarded the Gamma Sigma Delta International Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture award and in 2019 she was awarded the SDSU College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences Outstanding Researcher. She is enjoying retirement and is active in down-hill skiing in the winter, kayaking in the summer, and learning new things everyday from her grandchildren.

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Hilary Sandler - Weed Science



Dr. Sandler is an Extension Professor in the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and Director of the UMass Cranberry Station in East Wareham, MA. She provides leadership for the development, coordination and delivery of activities related to the adoption and implementation of integrated pest management (IPM) for specialty crops in Massachusetts. Dr. Sandler began her science career working in citrus pathology at IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred, FL. Currently, she addresses the Weed Science needs for cranberry and small fruit growers in the U.S. and Canada. Her research interests include an ecosystem approach to the management of perennial weeds and dodder, agrivoltaics (dual-use solar energy) and the use of unmanned aerial vehicles for pest monitoring and herbicide applications. In her role in Extension, Dr. Sandler translated and edited a 300-page identification guide for weeds in cranberry and led a resistance management education team whose learning module won an award from the National Association of County Ag Agents.

Service to discipline has always been a mainstay of Dr. Sandler's career. She served as Secretary for WSSA (2016-2018). She has been an Associate Editor for Weed Science since 2009, chaired the WSSA Graduate Student Awards Committee, and served on the WSSA Science Policy, Publications Board, Officer and Outstanding Graduate Student Nomination, Website Development, and Strategic Plan Committees.

Dr. Sandler's commitment to service to the Northeastern Weed Science Society was recognized when she received the NEWSS Fellow Award in 2017. She was an elected officer for NEWSS (2008-2012), served as the NEWSS representative for CAST, and remains active as co-chair of the Endowment Committee and serves on various judging panels. One of her favorite activities is volunteering at the summer weeds contest. She recently chaired the NEWSS Futures Committee, which reviewed the organization's structure and authored a suite of recommendations for the Board. Dr. Sandler received NEWSS Outstanding Educator of the Year Award in 2019, an award seldom presented to Extension weed scientists.

Dr. Sandler has been IPM Coordinator for Massachusetts since 2013, chaired the regional group and represented Northeastern IPM Coordinators at the national level. She has also served on the grant review panel for the Western IPM Center for the past 3 years and served on the advisory panel for the Northeastern IPM Center.

Dr. Sandler received her Ph.D in Plant and Soil Sciences from UMass-Amherst in 2004, her M.S. in Plant Pathology from University of Delaware in 1983 and her B.S. in Biology and Environmental Science from University of Pennsylvania in 1981. For relaxation, she enjoys walking and napping with her two retired greyhound racers. Dr. Sandler is excited to be nominated and to have an opportunity to continue her Weed Science service as WSSA Vice-President and beyond.

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Drew Lyon - Weed Technology



Drew Lyon retired in December 2025 from his position as Professor and Endowed Chair Small Grains Extension and Research, Weed Science at Washington State University in Pullman. His Extension and Research Program focused on integrated weed management in dryland small grain production systems. Prior to his arrival at WSU in 2012, Drew served 22 years as the Extension Dryland Cropping Systems Specialist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Scottsbluff. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and the Western Society of Weed Science. He received his B.S. in Agriculture from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Agronomy/Weed Science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Publication Board - Retiring Editors

Charles Geddes - Weed Technology

Dr. Charles Geddes is a Research Scientist with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada based out of Lethbridge, Alberta. Charles developed a strong connection to prairie agriculture from a young age, having grown up on a mixed farm near Pilot Mound, Manitoba. He graduated with a B.Sc. in Agroecology and a Ph.D. in Plant Science from the University of Manitoba. Currently, Charles leads the Weed Ecology and Cropping Systems research program, which focuses on discovery, characterization, monitoring, and management of herbicide-resistant weeds in western Canada. He has contributed to the broader agriculture community in several roles, and among them he currently serves as 1st Vice President of the Canadian Weed Science Society and co-lead of the Prairie Weed Monitoring Network.



Publication Board - Retiring Editors

Ryan Thum - IPSM



Dr. Ryan A Thum received his BS from Florida State University and his PhD from Dartmouth College. He is currently a Professor and Department Head at Montana State University's Plant Sciences & Plant Pathology Department. His research program focuses on genetics and genomics of invasive aquatic plants and other pests with specific emphasis on developing tools to assist management decisions.

2026 WSSA AWARDS

Presidents Award

Sarah Ward



Sarah Ward grew up in dairy and sheep farming country in the U.K., graduated with a B.Sc. in Plant Sciences from the University of London, taught high school, spent two years on an agricultural project in Ecuador with the British Volunteer Program and eventually ended up in the U.S. where she completed M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Plant Breeding and Genetics at Colorado State University. Dr. Ward then spent 26 years on the faculty of the Soil and Crop Sciences Department at Colorado State University before retiring in 2020. She served as WSSA Member-at-

Large 2010-2014, as WSSA Director of Publications 2014-2020, and rejoined the WSSA Board in 2023 as co-Director of Publications in which role she continues to serve. Dr. Ward also represents WSSA on the USDA Biocontrol Technical Advisory Group, was Associate Editor for *Weed Science* 2008-2014, and has chaired too many WSSA committees to remember.

2026 WSSA AWARDS

Honorary Member Award

Gulshan Mahajan



Dr. Gulshan Mahajan served as Professor of Agronomy at Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, India, where he conducted pioneering research on weed management, herbicide resistance, and sustainable cropping systems. His integrated management strategies for Phalaris minor in wheat provided practical, system-based solutions that helped restore productivity across the Indo-Gangetic Plains and became widely adopted through farmer–research partnerships.

Dr. Mahajan also contributed substantially to the development of agronomic and herbicide programs for dry direct-seeded rice, supporting more efficient water use, improved labor outcomes, and resilient rice-based production systems in north-west India. He was involved in the development and release of several rice varieties and

helped translate research innovations into farmer-ready recommendations.

He has collaborated extensively at the international level, including research appointments with the University of Queensland, Australia, where he contributed to Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) projects on crop competition, herbicide sequencing, and conservation agriculture in northern grain systems. These collaborations strengthened linkages between research, advisors, and growers, and the outcomes have informed practical weed and crop management strategies across Australia.

Dr. Mahajan has published widely in leading journals and serves as an Associate Editor of Weed Science. He has mentored numerous graduate students and early-career scientists and has been recognized with fellowships from the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (India), the Indian Society of Agronomy, and the Indian Society of Weed Science.

Dr. Mahajan's career reflects sustained leadership in applied research, teaching, and outreach. His work has advanced integrated, resource-efficient weed management and strengthened collaboration between science, industry, and farming communities internationally.

PREVIOUS WSSA AWARD WINNERS

Outstanding Paper in Weed Science

1964 - R.N. Andersen A.J. Linck R.Behrens M.L. Weaver R.E. Nyland	1981- D.T. Patterson E.P. Flint	1997 - M. Jasieniuk A.L. Brule-Babel I.N. Morrison	2002 - L. Hall K.Topinka J.Huffman L.Davis A.Good	2015 - J.F. Egan K.M. Barlow D.A.Mortensen D.Clay S.Clay
1966 - J.H. Ohman T.Kommedahl L.L. Jansen	1982 - P.H. Westra D.L. Wyse E.F. Cook	1998 - F. Forcella R.P. King S.M. Swinton D.D. Buhler J.L. Gunsolus	2003 - B.V. Ottis A.M. Prazak-Harvey C.A. Bormans C.Sneller J.M. Chandler W.D. Park	2016 - L.M. Schwartz D.J. Gibson K.L.Gage J.L. Matthews D.L. Jordan M.D.K. Owen D.R.Shaw S.C. Weller R.G.Wilson B.G.Young
1967 - L.L. McCormick A.E. Hiltbold	1983 - R.A. Evans D.A. Easi D.N. Book J.A. Young	1989 - P.J. McCall	2004 - M.A. Stanislaus C.Cheng	2017 - M. Dogramaci G.G. Gramig J.V. Anderson W.S. Chao M.E Foley
1968 - R. Prasad C.L. Foy A.S. Crafts	1984 - E.P. Flint D.T. Patterson	1990 - D.A. Mortensen H.D. Coble	2005 - A.N. Steinau D.Z. Skinner M.Steinau	2018 - G. Cundiff T.C. Mueller D.B. Reynolds
1969 - C.R. Swanson H.R. Swanson	1985 - E.E. Schweizer R.L. Zimdahl	1991- W.H. Ahrens	2006 - I. Rajcan K.J. Chandler C.J. Swanton	2019 - A. Kniss
1970 - J.B. Weber S.B. Weed T.M. Ward	1986 - M.R. Pareja D.W. Staniforth	1992 - J.M. Shribbs D.W. Lybecker E.E. Schweizer	2007 - J.T. Dauer D.A. Mortensen R.Humston	2020 - J. Montgomery A.Sadeque D.Giacomini P.Brown P.Tranel
1971- L. Thompson, Jr. F.W. Slife H.S. Butler	1987 - R.N. Paul S.O. Duke W.H. Kenyon	1993 - J.S. Holt D.R. Orcutt	2008 - K.W. Davies R.L. Sheley	2022 - A. Maity V. Singh M. Martins P. Ferreira G. Smith M. Bagavathiannan
1972 - R.D. Gruenhagen D.E. Moreland	1988 - S.L. Sherrick H.A. Holt F.D. Hess	1994 - L.J. Wiles G.G. Wilkerson H.J. Gold H.D. Coble	2009 - D.P. Horvath D.Llewellyn S.Clay	2023 - C. Selig F. de Mol B. Gerowitt
1973 - J.L. Hilton M.N. Christiansen	1989 - P.J. McCall	1995 - D.A. Derksen A.G. Thomas G.P. Lafond H.A. Loeppky C.J. Swanton	2010 - S.S. Kaundun I.Zelaya R.P. Dale A.J. Lycett P.Carter	2024 - V.Ribeiro J.Barroso, C. Brunharo, C. Mallory-Smith
1974 - J.T. Daniel G.E. Templeton	1990 - D.A. Mortensen H.D. Coble	1996 - C.G. McWhorter R.N. Paul J.C. Ouzts	2011- J. Storkey S.Moss J.Cussans	2025 - E. Oseland, M. Bish, R. Lerch, K. Bradley
R.J. Smith, Jr. W.T. Fox	1991- W.H. Ahrens	1997 - M. Jasieniuk A.L. Brule-Babel I.N. Morrison	2012 - K. Thinglum C.W. Riggins A.S. Davis K.W. Bradley K.AIKhatib P.J.Tranel	
1975 - A.D. Worsham	1992 - J.M. Shribbs D.W. Lybecker E.E. Schweizer	1998 - F. Forcella R.P. King S.M. Swinton D.D. Buhler J.L. Gunsolus	2013 - J. Moriles S.Hansen D.Horvath G.Reicks K.M. Barlow	
1976 - R. Parker M.C. Williams	1993 - J.S. Holt D.R. Orcutt	1999 - C.V. Eberlein M.J. Guttieri J.Steffen-Cambell	2014 - S.E. Wortman A.S. Davis B.J.Schutte J.L.Lindquist J.Cardina J.Felix C.L. Sprague J.A. Dille A.Ramirez G.Reicks S.Clay	
1977 - J.M. Anderson C.G. McWhorter	1994 - L.J. Wiles G.G. Wilkerson H.J. Gold H.D. Coble	2000 - M.J. Foes L.Liu P.J. Tranel L.M. Wax E.W. Stoller		
1978 - C.G. McWhorter	1995 - D.A. Derksen A.G. Thomas G.P. Lafond H.A. Loeppky C.J. Swanton	2001- J. S. Holt A.B. Boose		
1979 - P.G. Bartels C.W. Watson	1996 - C.G. McWhorter R.N. Paul J.C. Ouzts			
1980 - P.E. Brewer C.J. Arntzen F.W. Slife				

PREVIOUS WSSA AWARD WINNERS

Outstanding Paper in Weed Technologies

1988 - S.O. Duke
J. Lydon

1989 - R.J. Smith

1990 - R.J. Kremer
N.R. Spencer

1991 - B.D. Maxwell
M.L. Roush
S.R. Radosevich

1992 - R.D. Cousens

1993 - M. Sattain
G. Zanin
A. Berti

1994 - G. Kapusta
R. Krausz

1995 - T.M. Webster
M.M. Loux

E.E. Regnier
S.K. Harrison

1996 - I. A. Bello
M.D.K. Owen
H.M. Hatterman Valenti

1997 - F. Forcella
K.R. Banken

1998 - T.M. Wolf
S.H. Liu
B.C. Caldwell
A.L. Hsiao

1999 - K.D. Morrison
E.G. Reekie
K.I.N. Jensen

2000 - R.E. Blackshaw
G. Semach
X. Li
T. O'Donovan
K.N. Harker

2001 - J. Zhang
S. Weaver
A. Hamill

2002 - C. Leger
S.G. Hallett
A.K. Watson

2003 - L.W. Lass
D.C. Thill
B. Shafii
T.S. Prather

2004 - H.J. Beckie
K.J. Kirkland

2005 - W.W. Donald
W.G. Johnson

2006 - A.S. Sciumbato
J.M. Chandler
S.A. Senseman
R.W. Bovey
K.L. Smith

2007 - S.B. Powles
C. Preston

2008 - M.P. Blair
S.M. Zedaker
J.R. Seiler
P.L. Hipkins
P.L. Burch

2009 - A. Légère
F.C. Stevenson
N. Ziadi

2010 - H.J. Beckie
X. Reboud

2011 - R. A. Mischler
W.S. Curran
S.W. Duiker
J. A. Hyde

2012 - S. Fogliatto
F. Vidotto
A. Ferrero

2013 - G. Evans
R. Bellinder
R. Hahn

2014 - R. Werle M.L. Bernards
L.J. Giesler
J.L. Lindquist

2015 - M.J. Walsh
S.B. Powles

2016 - L.L. Beck, A. Patton, Q. Law, D.V. Weisenberger, J.T. Brosnan, J.J. Vargas, Almodovar G.K. Breeden, D.A. Kopsell

2017 - M. Wiggins
R.M. Hayes
L. Steckel

2018 - M. Loux
B. Young
K. Bradley
B. Johnson
D. Spaunhorst
A. Dobbels
L. Steckel
M. Palhano
J. Norsworthy

2019 - M. Walsh
J. Broster
S. Powles

2020 - K. Lillie
D. Giacomini
D. Giacomini
P. Tranel

2022 - M. Bish
E. Oseland
K. Bradley
2023 - K. Bradley
H. Schreier
M. Bish

2024 - A. Howell, R. Leon
W. Everman, H. Mitasova
S. Nelson, R. Richardson

2025 - E. Jones,
C. Bradshaw, D. Contreras, C. Cahoon, K. Jennings, R. Leon, W. Everman

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Outstanding Paper in Invasive Plant and Science Management

2011 - K.M. Goodwin
R.E. Engel
D.K. Weaver
2012 - C.S. Jarnevich
T.R. Holcombe
D.T. Barnett
T.J. Stohlgren
J.T. Kartesz
2013 - A. Herrera-Reddy
R. Carruthers
N. Mills
2014 - J. Gaskin
M. Schwarzlander
H. Hinz
L. Williams III
E. Gerber
B. Recto
D. Zhang
2015 - J. Leary
B.V. Mahnken
L.J. Cox
A. Radord
J. Yanagida
T. Penniman
D.C. Duffy
J. Gooding

2016 - J.M. Shields
M.A. Jenkins
M.R. Saunders
K.D. Gibson
P.A. Zollner
J.B. Dunning, Jr.
2017 - A. Boswell
S.E. Sing
S. Ward
2018 - D. Tekiela
J.Barney
2019 - M. Rinella
J. Davey
G. Kyser
F. Mashiri
S. Bellows
J. James
V. Peterson

2020 - J. Leary
B. Mahnken
C. Wada
K. Burnett
2021 - A. Lazaro- Lobo
S. Ward
2022- I. Ibanez
L. Petri
G. Liu
2023 - M. Renz
N. Jorgensen
2024- S. Graham, M. Wyllie
M. Wilkerson , M. Williams
A. Sharp, H. Cherry
P. Martin , R. Campbell
G. Hawkes
2025 - Marco Donoso, H. Leonard,
D. Gorchov

Outstanding Teacher Award

1971 - A.P. Appleby
1972 - P.W. Santelmann
1973 - F.W Silfe
1974 - N.D. Nalewaja
1975 - W.F. Meggitt
1976 - E.G. Rodgers
1977 - G.F. Warren
1978 - D.E. Davis
1979 - D.E. Bayer
1980 - R.E. Frans
1981 - M.G. Merkle
1982 - L.S. Jordan
1983 - T.J. Monaco

1984 - A.D. Worsham
1985 - M.D. McGlamery
1986 - L.R. Oliver
1987 - R.D. Ilnicki
1988 - R.L. Zimdahl
1989 - C.G. Messersmith
1990 - H.D. Coble
1991 - D.L. Wyse
1992 - M.A. Ross
1993 - P.B. Cavers
1994 - W.W. Witt
1995 - W.H. Vanden Born
1996 - J.B. Weber

1997 - D. Penner
1998 - R.E. Talbert
1999 - D.R. Shaw
2000 - J.L. Griffin
2001 - K.K. Hatzios
2002 - D.A. Mortensen
2003 - G.R. Stephenson
2004 - B. Maxwell
2005- K. Harrison
2006 - J. Wilcut
2007 - M. Chandler
2008 - A. DiTommaso
2009 - No Award

2010 - No Award
2011 - S. Glenn
2012 - G. MacDonald
2013 - W. K. Vencill
2014 - P. Dotray
2015 - K. Howatt
2016 - A. Shrestha
2017 - No Award
2018 - J.A. Dille
2019 - A.K. Renner
2020 - B. Runom
2021 - K. Jennings
2022 - R. Leon
2023 - D. Riechers
2024 - D. Dodds
2025 - M. Jugulum

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Outstanding Extension Award

1972 - E.L. Knake	1988 - W.M. Lewis	2004 - G. N. Rhodes Jr.	2020 - J. Byrd
1973 - E.P. Sylvester	1989 - A.G. Dexter	2005 - D. Peterson	2021- J.M. Mangold
1974 - H.A. Friesen	1990 - C.L. Elmore	2006 - R. Wilson	2022 - J.Neal
1975 - L.E. Anderson	1991- D.N. Weaver	2007 - T.F. Peeper	2023 - N/A
1976 - H.P. Alley	1992 - M.D.K Owen	2008 - J.M. DiTomaso	2024 - T. Barber
1977 - M.D. McGlamery	1993 - L.C. Burrill	2009 - C. Boerboom	2025 - P. Dotray
1978 - L.W. Mitich	1994 - E.C. Murdock	2010 - W.G. Johnson	
1979 - G.R. Miller	1995 - W.M. Stall	2011- E. Prostko	
1980 - J.V. Parochetti	1996 - A.R. Martin	2012 - A.S. Culpepper	
1981- J. Miller	1997 - A.C. York	2013 - W.S. Curran	
1982 - L. Thompson, Jr	1998 - P. Westra	2014 - R.R. Hahn	
1983 - R.E. Doersch	1999 - S.A. Dewey	2015 - L. Steckel	
1984 - F.L. Baldwin	2000 - T.R. Murphy	2016 - S. Askew	
1985 - R.A. Fawcett	2001- R.K. Zollinger	2017 - M.J. VanGessel	
1986 - C.W. Swann	2002 - J.W. Boyd	2018 - C.L. Sprague	
1987 - L.K. Binning	2003 - R.G. Hartzler	2019 - S.F. Enlow	

Outstanding Research Award

1973 - D.E. Moreland	1995 - J.A. Young	2017 - J. DiTomaso
1974 - D.E. Davis	1996 - E.W. Stoller	2018 - J. Norsworthy
1975 - P.C. Kearney	1997 - D.C. Thill	2019 - B. Maxwell
1976 - J.L. Hilton	1998 - J.C. Hall	2020 - P.J. Trane
1977 - C.G. McWhorter	1999 - R.E. Hoagland	2021 - M. Jugulam
1978 - E.W. Hauser	2000 - F. Forcella	2022 - P. Sikkima
1979 - O.C. Burnside	2001- M. Barrett	2023 - J. Lindquist
1980 - A.F. Wiese	2002 - C.J. Swanton	2024 - L Rew
1981- J.B. Weber	2003 - D. Shaw	2025 - M. Williams
1982 - R.J. Smith, Jr.	2004 - J.T. O'Donovan	
1983 - A.P. Appleby	2005 - K. Vaughn	
1984 - F.M. Ashton	2006 - R.E. Blackshaw	
1985 - C.L. Foy	2007 - J.L. Griffin	
1986 - F.W. Slife	2008 - K.N. Reddy	
1987 - D. Penner	2009 - R. Charudattan	
1988 - R.H. Shimabukuro	2010 - J.S. Holt	
1989 - L.M. Wax	2011- D.A. Mortensen	
1990 - S.O. Duke	2012 - P. Bhowmik	
1991- S.R. Radosevich	2013 - D. L. Shaner	
1992 - E.E. Schweizer	2014 - K.N. Harker	
1993 - J.D. Nalewaja	2015 - F. Dayan	
1994 - K.K. Hatzios	2016 - C. Mallory-Smith	

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Outstanding Industry Award

1989 - R.A. Gray	2003 - R. Ratliff	2017 - A. Cotie
1990 - G.E. Barrier	2004 - P. Banks	2018 - M. Peterson
1991 - T.D. Taylor	2005 - S. Rick	2019 - R. Jain
1992 - J.D. Riggleman	2006 - J.J. Jachetta	2021 - P.J. Porpiglia
1993 - D.L. Shaner	2007 - D. Maurice	2020 - T. R. Wright
1994 - W.D. Carpenter	2008 - V.F. Peterson	2022 - C. Aradhya
1995 - T.J. Holt	2009 - N. Jackson	2023 -
1996 - E.A. Woolson	2010 - J.E. McFarland	2024 - M. Malik
1997 - M.N. Baig	2011 - R.A. Forney	2025 - D. Simpson
1998 - J.L. Barrentine	2012 - No award	
1999 - J.R. Bone	2013 - S.R. Gylling	
2000 - No award	2014 - C. Somody	
2001 - J.M. Green	2015 - D. Drost	
2002 - E.J. Retzinger, Jr.	2016 - R. Gast	

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

1975 - F.D. Hess	1995 - T.E. Klingaman	2015 - S. Berger
1976 - D.H. Teem	1996 - J.L. Lindquist	2016 - R. Werle
1977 - B.G. Todd	1997 - D.E. Riechers	2017 - M. Jeffries, E.S. Hagood, Jr.
1978 - D.N. Duncan M.L. Roush	1998 - T.R. Wright	2018 - C. Meyer
1979 - P.F. Boldt	1999 - J.A. Dieleman	2019 - T.R. Butts
1980 - J.K. Soteres	2000 - A.S. Culpepper	2020 - H. Takano, L.S. Quackenbush
1981 - P. Westra	2001 - J. Norsworthy	2021 - A. Maity
1982 - M.W. Bugg	2002 - S. Askew	2022 - R. Yadav H.J. Strek L. Priess
1983 - D. McAuliffe	2003 - W.A. Pline	2023 -
1984 - D.D. Buhler	2004 - I.C. Burke	2024 - S. Dhanda
1985 - D.R. Shaw	2005 - W. Patzoldt	2025 - N. Godara
1986 - J. McFarland	2006 - T.J. Koschnick	
1987 - C.E. Snipes	2007 - W. Thomas	
1988 - D.C. Bridges	2008 - J. Barney	
1989 - B.D. Maxwell	2009 - T. Gaines	
1990 - J.L. Flint	2010 - V. Davis	
1991 - R.H. White	2011 - M. Ryan R. Liebl	
1992 - L.D. Boldt	2012 - S. Wortman	
1993 - S.E. Hart	2013 - A. Post	
1994 - G.E. MacDonald	2014 - E. Haramoto	

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Previous Winners of the Weed Scientist of the Year (Renamed Fellow Award in 2015)

- 1970 W.C. Shaw & F.W. Slife
1971 W.A. Harvey, L.G. Holm & D.D. Hemphill
1972 B.E. Day & W.H. Minshall
1973 E.K. Alban, W.R. Furtick, R. Behrens & G.C. Klingman
1974 D.L. Klingman, R.D. Sweet, P.W. Santelmann & L.L. Danielson
1975 D.E. Davis, J.R. Hay, E.G. Rodgers & R.P. Upchurch
1976 A.P. Appleby, R.D. Ilnicki & D.E. Moreland
1977 E.L. Knake, C.G. McWhorter, H.S. Friesen & L. Southwick
1978 O.H. Fletchall, J.L. Hilton, H.M. LeBaron & D.W. Staniforth
1979 H.P. Alley, R.E. Frans, K.C. Hamilton, T.J. Sheets & A.F. Wiese
1980 J.D. Bandeen, C.L. Foy, L.S. Jordan, R.A. Peters & S.N. Fertig
1981 J.F. Ahrens, L.H. Hannah, W.F. Meggitt, R.R. Romanowski & C.R. Swanson
1982 J. Antognini, G.H. Bayer, J.H. Dawson, C.L. Switzer & R.B. Taylorson
1983 R.N. Anderson, W.D. Carpenter, J.E. Gallagher, D.L. Linscott & L.W. Mitich
1984 G.A. Buchanan, W.A. Gentner, M.M. Schreiber & R.L. Zimdahl
1985 S.R. McLane, J.F. Miller, W.J. Saidak, E.E. Schweizer, R.J. Smith & Jr. J.B. Weber
1986 L.C. Burrill, R.D. Comes, R.A. Evans & R.H. Schieferstein
1987 F.M. Ashton, J.W. Herron, G.R. Miller, M.G. Merkle, J.D. Nalewaja & W.H. Vanden Born
1988 D.E. Bayer, G.H. Friesen, M.C. McGlamery, J.A. Meade, A.R. Putnam & J.D. Riggelman
1989 O.C. Burnside, W.R. Mullison, E.C. Spurrier, G.R. Stephenson, L.M. Wax, A.D. Worsham,
1990 S.W. Bingham, R.W. Bovey, T.J. Monaco, E.W. Stoller, E.W. Stroube & R.E. Talbert
1991 R.M. Devlin, T.L. Lavy, M. Newton, C.J. Scifres, B. Truelove & J.A. Young
1992 R.J. Aldrich, C.C. Dowler, S.O. Duke, C.G. Messersmith, A.G. Ogg, Jr. & J.V. Parochetti
1993 R.E. Doersch, C.L. Elmore, R.E. Eplee, J.O. Evans, L.R. Oliver, D. Penner & W.V. Welker
1994 J.R. Abernathy, J.R. Baker, J.F. Ellis, R.E. Hoagland, G. Kapusta & W.A. Skroch
1995 E.F. Eastin, A.S. Hamill, K.K. Hatzios, H.D. Tripple, H.J. von Amsberg & H.P. Wilson
1996 F.L. Baldwin, W.L. Barrentine, P.C. Bhowmik, J.C. Graham, F.D. Hess & A.E. Smith
1997 H.D. Coble, R.G. Harvey, R. Prasad, R.L. Rogers, M. Singh & W. W. Witt
1998 J.L. Barrentine, M.D. Devine, A.G. Dexter, C.V. Eberlein, S.D. Miller & P.S. Zorner
1999 I. Morrison, D.S. Murray, R. Norris, H.D. Skipper, D.C. Thill & D. Wauchope
2000 L.K. Binning, N.D. Camper, R. Charudattan, J.S. Holt, D.L. Shaner & G.A. Wicks
2001 C.E. Beste, R.R. Hahn, A. Legere, A. Martin, R.D. Williams & G. Wills
2002 R.E. Blackshaw, J.M. Chandler, J. Doll, J.C. Hall, D. Shaw & S.C. Weller
2003 S.A. Dewey, R.M. Hayes, R. Nishimoto, A. Watson, T. Whitson & J.W. Wilcut
2004 B.J. Brecke, J.L. Griffin, A.E. Miller & M.K. Upadhyaya
2005 D.D. Buhler, J. McFarland, M.D.K. Owen & C.W. Swanton
2006 M.E. Foley, J.J. Kells, R.G. Lym & A.C. York
2007 K.N. Harker, R.J. Kremer & B.A. Majek K. Vaughn
2008 M.A. Locke, R. Wilson & C. Mallory-Smith
2009 K. Renner, M. Barrett & A.R. Bonanno
2010 J. Schroeder, J. Dusky & K. Reddy
2011 J.M. DiTomaso, D.A. Mortensen & K. Al-Khatib
2012 J. Derr, J. Jachetta & P. Stahlman
2013 P. Banks, F. Forcella & J.M. Green
2014 J.V. Anderson & T.C. Mueller P.H. Sikkema
2015 R.D. Sammons & W.C. Johnson III
2016 D. Schilling & W. Vencill
2017 N. Burgos & R. Zollinger
2018 H. Beckie & J. Norsworthy
2019 A. Davis & D. Peterson
2020 D.B. Reynolds & B.G. Young
2021 S. Senseman & D.L. Jordan
2022 P. Tranel & D. Monks
2023 Antonio DiTomaso & Peter Porpiglia
2024 Dr. Franck E. Dayan
2025 Dr Ramon Leon
2025 Anita Dille

PAST WSSA PRESIDENTS

- 1954-56 R.H. Beatty
- 1956-57 W.B. Ennis
- 1958-59 A.S. Crafts
- 1960-61 K.P. Buchholtz
- 1962-63 W.C. Shaw
- 1964-65 G. Fred Warren
- 1966-67 William Furtick
- 1967-68 Richard Behrens
- 1968-69 Boysie Day
- 1969-70 G.C. Klingman
- 1970-71 L Danielson
- 1971-72 Dayton L. Klingman
- 1972-73 Robert P. Upchurch
- 1973-74 Earl Rodgers
- 1974-75 Ellery Knake
- 1975-76 Charles R. Swanson
- 1976-77 Fred W. Slife
- 1977-78 Chester Foy
- 1978-79 Paul W Santelmann
- 1979-80 J.R. Hay
- 1980-81 Will D. Carpenter
- 1981-82 Don E. Davis
- 1982-83 T.J. Sheets
- 1983-84 C.G. McWhorter
- 1984-85 John Nalewaja 1985-
- 86 James D Riggleman
- 1986-87 Orvin C. Burnside
- 1987-88 Jean H Dawson
- 1988-89 John F Ahrens 1989-
- 90 Homer M LeBaron 1990-
- 91 Larry W. Mitch
- 1991-92 John R Abernathy
- 1992-93 Joe Antognini
- 1993-94 Harold D. Coble
- 1994-95 Alex G Ogg, Jr
- 1995-96 Jim L Barrentine
- 1996-97 Stephen O. Duke
- 1997-98 Calvin G Messersmith
- 1998-99 F. Dan Hess
- 1999-2000 James 'Mike' Chandler
- 2000-01 Lawrence R. (Dick) Oliver
- 2001-02 Charlotte Eberlein
- 2002-03 Bradley A Majek
- 2003-04 Allan S Hamill
- 2004-05 Donald C Thill
- 2005-06 Carol Mallory-Smith
- 2006-07 Dale Shaner
- 2007-08 Jill Schroeder
- 2008-09 Jeffrey Derr
- 2009-10 David Shaw
- 2010-11 John Jachetta
- 2011-12 Michael Barrett
- 2012-2013 Rod Lym
- 2013-14 James Kells
- 2014-2015 Joe DiTomaso
- 2015-2016 Dallas Peterson 2016-
- 2017 Kevin Bradley
- 2017-2018 Janis McFarland 2018-
- 2019 Scott Senseman
- 2019-2020 Larry Steckel
- 2020-2021 Bill Curran
- 2021-2022 Anita Dille
- 2022-2023 Stanley Culpepper
- 2023-2024 Carroll Moseley
- 2024-2025 Greg Dahl