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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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The potential recipient must have been an active member of the SWSS for >20 years, 2) Be at least 50 years of age at the time of the annual meeting, 3) Have made significant contributions of service to the SWSS (including but not limited to: serving on committees or being an officer, hosting the SWSS Weed Contest, judging at the paper/poster contest, etc.), 4) Contributed substantially to the success of his/her company, university, and/or government agency and to advance the discipline of Weed Science in the SWSS region. Whereas the Fellow Award has been renamed to envelope both the Distinguished Service and the Weed Scientist of the Year Awards, previous recipients of these awards are not eligible for the SWSS Fellow Award. The maximum number of Fellow awards per year is set at two (2), with no distinction between those from academia or industry.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

Recipients must be a voting member of SWSS in the year of nomination. 2) Must be an active member of SWSS during the last five (5) years.

EXCELLENCE IN REGULATORY STEWARDSHIP

Eligible nominees should be active members of the SWSS; include industry personnel, primary research/extension project leaders, and primary graduate students actively involved in conducting the research.

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

Must be enrolled as a graduate student in the degree program for which she/he is nominated within the calendar year for which the nomination is made and has actively participated in SWSS sponsored activities such as the annual meeting, weed contest, student paper contest, or committee work during the past two years including the year nominated and the previous year.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG WEED SCIENTIST AWARDS

Recipients (1 from academia, 1 from industry): Recipients must have been a voting member of the Society for at least three of the last five (5) years and must be a voting member of the Society in the year that the person is nominated for the award. 2) Must be 40 years of age or younger on January 31 of the year she or he receives the award. 3) Must have completed at least five (5) years' work in weed science other than that related to academic studies. Previous recipients of this award will be ineligible for re-nomination.

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This award is for research workers who have demonstrated originality and creativity and whose work has had an impact in the field of weed science. The award is established to recognize outstanding contributions to both applied and basic weed science research.

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

The student must be a candidate for the MS or PhD degree or have received the degree within the past twelve months at the time the award is presented. The student should have made a notable contribution to weed science and should have a good academic record and sound training in weed science. Above all, the recipient must be recognizable as a truly outstanding individual with excellent potential for continued development.

OUTSTANDING PAPER IN WEED SCIENCE

This award is given to the author(s) of the paper published and judged to be the outstanding contribution in the journal, Weed Science.

OUTSTANDING EARLY CAREER WEED SCIENTIST AWARD

This award is for young scientists who have demonstrated originality and creativity and who have made a notable contribution to weed science and have potential for continued excellence. Nominees are eligible for consideration for the Weed Science Society of America 'Early Career Outstanding Scientist Award' if they demonstrate accomplishments in a career in the discipline of weed science for no more than ten (10) years since completion of their terminal degree. The years are further qualified as not calendar years but years.

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Awarded annually to a WSSA member for accomplishments in advancing Public understanding of the scientific principles of Weed Science (including but not limited to the study of weeds, their place in the environment, and the means by which they may be controlled and/or managed.

OUTSTANDING EXTENSION AWARD

The recipient of this award must have been active in extension work for four out of the past five years and must devote at least 75 percent of their extension activities to weed science work.

OUTSTANDING PAPER IN INVASIVE PLANT SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT

This award is given to the author(s) of the paper published and judged to be the outstanding contribution in the journal, Invasive Plant Science and Management.
Dr. Tom Barber currently holds the split responsibility of Professor/Extension Weed Scientist and Director of the Jackson County Extension Center with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. Tom was born and raised on a small cattle and row-crop farm near Texarkana in Southwest Arkansas. He received his B.S. in Agronomy and M.S. in Weed Science from the University of Arkansas under the leadership of Dr. Dick Oliver and Ford Bladwin. In 2001, he transferred to Mississippi State University, where he pursued a Ph.D. in Weed Science under the direction of Dr. Dan Reynolds. Tom accepted his first role as the Extension Cotton Specialist for Mississippi State in 2004 and immediately developed a passion for working one-on-one with cotton producers at the farm level. In 2007, Tom moved back home to Arkansas, where he initially served as the Extension Cotton Specialist with the U of A Division of Agriculture until 2012, when he was offered the opportunity to move into a weed science role. Tom conducts applied weed control research in corn, cotton, grain sorghum, peanut, soybean, and rice to provide accurate recommendations in the areas of herbicide and rate selection, resistant weed management, and alternative control methods for key weed species. In addition, in 2018, Tom accepted administrative responsibilities to manage research projects and the construction of a new office and meeting facility at the 400-acre Jackson County Extension Center near Newport, AR. Tom has been married to his wife Scharidi for 23 years, and they live in Cabot, AR, with their three sons, Haeden, Kohlton, and Jackson.

Dr. Lisa Rew, Professor of Weed and Invasive Plant Ecology and Management, Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences, Montana State University (MSU) in Bozeman, Montana. Lisa was raised on a mixed dairy/arable farm in south-western Britain. She received her BSc (Hons) in Environmental Science, majoring in agro-ecology and ecology from the University of Southampton, UK in 1988; and her PhD in Agroecology from the University of Reading, UK in 1993. Lisa then worked on a project developing site-specific weed management and precision agriculture applications at Rothamsted Experimental Station in the UK. In the mid 1990's she moved to Tamworth, Australia, where she evaluated the potential of airborne imagery for detecting weeds in crops for subsequent site-specific or precision management. In addition, Lisa had projects developing integrated weed management techniques for the northern grain region of Australia and determining the adoption rates of new management approaches and technology by farmers. Since 2001 she has been at Montana State University, USA. Initially she continued her work on remote sensing and precision weed management, but then applied her sampling skills to detect non-native and invasive plants in rangeland, wildland and mountain ecosystems and now works primarily in these systems. Lisa's overarching research goal is to understand more about the ecology and management of weedy and invasive species under different environmental conditions, with the aim of improving desired vegetation and productivity. Over the last few decades her interests and projects have included integrated weed management, survey and monitoring design, species distribution modeling, plant community diversity, population dynamics, long-distance dispersal as it relates to vehicles and roads, and ecosystem restoration. Most of our work is at the local (population) and landscape scale, but in collaboration with MIREN (Mountain Invasion Research Network) we have been able to evaluate the effect of multiple scales (local, regional and global) on patterns of invasion and relationships with environmental and biotic variables. Lisa's groups currently have studies evaluating a range of different management strategies (herbicide, soil amendments, biofumigation) to manage non-native annual grasses in grassland and sagebrush communities, altering distributions and competition of non-native forbs, different restoration seeding methods, managing recovery of conifer encroached grassland, and, renovating conservation reserve program land. Overall, Lisa along with her colleagues and students have published their management orientated to more theoretical results in a wide range of journals, and as book chapters and extension documents. Lisa has also been an editor for several books.
Sachin grew up on a family farm in Haryana, a state in northern India, where his early exposure sparked a deep interest in agriculture. As a first-generation student, he completed his B.Sc. (Honors) in Agriculture from CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, Haryana, India, where his fascination with weed science led to his receiving an Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Junior Research Fellowship for his Master's degree. He pursued his M.S. in Agronomy, specializing in weed science, at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab, India. In May 2021, Sachin began his Ph.D. at Kansas State University (KSU) under the joint supervision of Dr. Vipan Kumar and Dr. Anita Dille. His Ph.D. research primarily focuses on understanding the geographical distribution of multiple herbicide-resistant kochia (Bassia scoparia) and developing integrated strategies for its management in no-till dryland production systems in the Central Great Plains. Sachin has authored/co-authored 14 peer-reviewed journal articles, 4 extension publications, and 18 abstracts from scientific presentations. He has also delivered 5 guest lectures. Additionally, he received a North-Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NCR SARE) Graduate Student Grant of $14,990 to evaluate the potential of fall- and spring-seeded cover crops to manage herbicide-resistant weeds. He served as a teaching assistant for 300-level Weed Science and Soil Science courses at KSU. He is also active in many professional and leadership activities. He serves as a student representative for the Western Society of Weed Science's Herbicide Resistant Plant Committee. He was Secretary for the Agronomy Graduate Student Association and International Coordinating Council at KSU. Currently, he serves as a Graduate Student Ambassador at KSU. Sachin is a member of 13 professional and honor societies. His outstanding achievements include securing 30 awards or scholarships. Notable accolades include 1st place in poster presentation from WSSA, WSWS, and American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America (ASA, CSSA, SSSA), Elena Sanchez Western Society of Weed Science Outstanding Student Award, WSSA Travel Enrichment Experience Award, Outstanding International Student Award from KSU, and Graduate Student Teaching Award from North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA). Recently, he was honored with the Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award from the Association of Agricultural Scientists of Indian Origin (AASIO) at the 2023 ASA, CSSA, SSSA annual meeting.
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OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

DR. DARRIN DODDS

Darrin is a native of Rushville, Illinois and has a B.S. in Agriculture from Western Illinois University, a M.S. with a concentration in Weed Science from Purdue University, and a Ph.D. with a concentration in Weed Science from Mississippi State University. He joined the faculty at Mississippi State University in June 2007 currently serves as Professor and Head of the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences. Darrin has graduated 12 M.S. and 6 Ph.D. students and currently has 5 M.S. students and 5 Ph.D. students under his direction. He has served on an additional 32 graduate student committees. Darrin has authored or co-authored 86 refereed manuscripts, 2 book chapters, 68 extension publications, and 350+ published abstracts. Over the course of his career, he has generated grants and contracts as principal investigator or co–principal investigator that total over $9.5 M. Darrin has served on annually as a student contest judge at the Beltwide Cotton Conference, the Southern Weed Science Society (SWSS), and the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) as well as on numerous committees for each of these organizations. In addition, Darrin has served as student presentation contest committee chair or co–chair four times for the SWSS and three times for the WSSA and previously serving as the Weed Science section chair at the Beltwide Cotton Conferences. He was instrumental in the initiation of the student presentation contest at the WSSA Annual Meeting helping author the initial set of rules and scoresheets and serving as the initial contest chair. Darrin was also instrumental in adapting the WSSA oral presentation contest from the traditional 15–minute presentations to the single slide format that is currently used. He served as contest chair from 2015 – 2019, co–chair from 2020–2021, and recently rejoined the student presentation contest committee as a co–chair. He has also served as the chairperson for the SWSS summer weed contest and is a past president of the Endowment Foundation for the SWSS. Darrin has served on the SWSS and WSSA board of directors as the SWSS representative to the WSSA as well as secretary on the WSSA Board of Directors. Darrin currently serves as Past–President of the Southern Weed Science Society having previously served as President–Elect and Program Chair, Vice–President, and President. He is passionate about service to his home societies as well as helping prepare the next generation of students.

OUTSTANDING EARLY CAREER WEED SCIENTIST AWARD

DR. MICHAEL FLESSNER

Dr. Michael L Flessner is an associate professor and extension weed science specialist in the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences at Virginia Tech. He received his BS from the University of Tennessee. He obtained both his masters and doctoral degrees from Auburn University where he also served as research associate.

Michael has research and extension responsibilities for weed management in corn, soybean, small grains, and other crops as well as pastures and forages across Virginia. His research efforts focus on herbicides and herbicide resistance as well as cover crops and harvest weed seed control. To date, Michael is an author of 57 peer-reviewed publications in scientific journals, over 200 abstracts presented at professional meetings, and 21 extension publications. He has been awarded over $5.4 million in funding to his program. Michael has advised or co–advised 11 graduate students and currently chairs or serves on 8 student committees.

The Northeastern Weed Science Society recognized him with the Outstanding Researcher Award in 2019 and the Outstanding Educator Award in 2022. Additionally, the Southern Weed Science Society awarded him as Outstanding Young Weed Scientist, Academia in 2021–22. Michael currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Weed Science Society of America and the Executive Board of the Southern Weed Science Society in addition to providing leadership for GROW (Getting Rid of Weeds). Michael resides in Blacksburg, Virginia with his wife Chelsea and their two children, Davidson and Everett.
Dr. Mayank Malik is Global Agronomic Solutions Manager for weed management with Bayer Crop Science in St. Louis, MO. He is responsible for development and advancement of novel herbicide products in major crops including Herbicide-Tolerant cropping systems. Mayank grew up in Hisar, India and received his B.Sc. (Hons) in Agriculture with major in Agronomy from CCS Haryana Agricultural University. Following the completion of his undergraduate degree, he moved to United States and received his MS in Weed Science at University of Arkansas under the guidance of Dr. Ronald E. Talbert. Mayank, then earned his PhD in Weed Science at Clemson University under Dr. Jason K. Norsworthy in 2009. Following the completion of his PhD, he joined University of Florida, Citrus Research and Education Center as a Post-Doctoral Research Associate working on weed management in citrus and sugarcane. In 2010, Mayank joined Monsanto (now Bayer Crop Science) as Technology Development Rep for Nebraska. His responsibilities included developing a field program to evaluate crop protection and trait technology products in the state. He was also responsible for technical product positioning with agronomists and local sales teams. Then, Mayank relocated to St. Louis in 2016 as a Product Assessment Scientist working on developing nationwide field-testing program to test and develop early pipeline microbial seed treatment products. In, 2017, he moved to the herbicide formulations group, where he worked on product development for early pipeline herbicide formulations in major crop production systems in US. Mayank became part of Bayer Crop Science global crop protection team in 2019 working on new herbicide development products across all the major crops. Overall, during his professional career, Mayank has worked on developing more than 10 new products including new herbicides, life cycle management of existing formulations, and new trait systems. He is also working on Bayer’s collaborative projects with different universities to test the new herbicide products on herbicide-resistant weeds. Mayank has authored and co-authored 14 peer reviewed scientific publications, 10 extension publications, and over 50 grower presentations and abstracts in National and International Weed Science Meetings. He is also a recipient of Distinguished Young Weed Scientist Award from NCWSS in 2019.

Mayank is actively engaged in Weed Science Society of America since 2010, currently serving on Public Awareness and Environmental Aspects of Weed Management committees. He is also chair for Outstanding Early Career Scientist committee. Mayank served as chair for Professional Development and Membership Committee. In addition, he has served section chair and moderating different sessions in WSSA meetings. He has also volunteered for weed contests and student contests (paper and posters) at WSSA and regional weed science meetings. Mayank has also been actively involved with other weed science societies such as NCWSS and ISWS.
LINDA EDGERTON

For the past 15 years, Linda has worked with WSSA to promote awareness of weeds and their impact on the environment. An honors graduate of the School of Journalism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Linda previously worked as a reporter and editor for a daily newspaper. She also worked in corporate public relations for three technology companies – AT&T, Lucent Technologies and Avaya. As Avaya’s senior public relations manager, she supported the company’s global strategic alliance business, federal government division and regional sales teams east of the Mississippi. She also served as project manager for the company’s opening day at the New York Stock Exchange. After retiring from Avaya, Linda began offering freelance public relations and communications services to businesses and organizations – especially those in the science and technology arena. One of her first projects involved working with Janis McFarland, Homer LeBaron and Orvin Burnside to edit a book documenting the impact of the triazine herbicides on agriculture. At the conclusion of the project, Janis offered Linda the opportunity to support the WSSA Public Awareness Committee by writing and distributing press releases, fact sheets, blog posts, brochures and other materials. In recent years, Linda has extended her support to include the WSSA Publications Committee. Linda has recently retired. She resides in Greensboro, N.C., with her husband Tom, a portrait artist. She is a former member of the Guilford College Board of Trustees and served as its vice chair of advancement.

DR. PETER SIKEMMA

Peter grew up on a dairy and hog farm in south central Ontario. Peter attended the University of Guelph where he received his BSc (Agr) in 1981 and MSc (Weed Physiology) in 1983. Upon graduation, Peter accepted a position as Field Development Representative for Eastern Canada with Union Carbide. In 1986, Peter was promoted to Product Development Manager for Canada with Rhone Poulenc. Peter joined Ridgetown College in 1988 and taught courses in fruit and vegetable production and conducted cultural management studies in fruit and vegetables. In 1997, Peter joined the University of Guelph as a College Professor with responsibility for weed management in field and horticultural crops. During this time Peter enrolled as a part-time student at the University of Western Ontario where he completed his PhD in Environmental Sciences in 2002. Peter joined the Department of Plant Agriculture of the University of Guelph in 2003 as an Assistant Professor. In 2007, Peter was promoted to Associate Professor and in 2009 he became a full Professor in the Department. Peter is responsible for weed management in field crops and teaches “Crop Diagnostics and Recommendations” and “Herbicide Physiology and Biochemistry”. During his career Peter has secured research funds in excess of $18.5 million, published more than 425 peer-reviewed manuscripts, and was an author/co-author of more than 350 oral/poster presentations at scientific conferences. Peter has supervised more than 40 graduate students. Peter has served on the boards of the CWSS, NCWSS, and WSSA. Peter was President of the CWSS in 2011. Peter has received the “Fellow” award from the Canadian Society of Agronomy, Canadian Weed Science Society, North Central Weed Science Society, and the Weed Science Society of America.
Dr. Franck E. Dayan received his Ph.D. in Plant Physiology at Auburn University in Auburn, AL, USA in 1995. This is where he was first introduced to weed science, as he studied the effect of sulfentrazone on different soybean varieties and weed species. He was a research scientist with the USDA ARS Natural Products Utilization Research Unit from 1995 to 2015 where he worked on the mode of action of natural and synthetic herbicides. He is now professor of Weed Science and Nutrien Distinguished Scholar of Agricultural Sciences in the Agricultural Biology at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. His research focuses on herbicide mode of action and mechanisms of resistance in plants. He has served on several WSSA committees and has been involved in organizing many WSSA symposia. He has also been involved with the International Weed Science Society and the Phytochemical Society of North America. He currently serves on the editorial board of Outlooks on Pest Management. He has published nearly 200 scientific papers and 64 reviews and book chapters. His work is highly cited, with a google scholar h-index of 71.

Dr. Kevin Bradley is a Professor and State Extension Weed Scientist in the Division of Plant Sciences at the University of Missouri. Kevin's faculty appointment includes extension and research responsibilities in applied weed management in corn, soybean, and pastures. Since his arrival at the University of Missouri in 2003, most of Kevin's research and extension efforts have been focused on the development of integrated programs for the prevention and/or management of herbicide resistance in weeds, specifically waterhemp. He also teaches a graduate level class in herbicide mechanism of action and has served as major advisor to 29 graduate students during his career. Dr. Bradley's publication record includes 91 refereed journal articles, over 200 abstracts, and 22 extension manuals or guides. Kevin has been an active member of the Weed Science Society of America and the North Central Weed Science Society for the past 21 years. He has served on numerous committees and in board positions for both societies; served as an Associate Editor for Weed Technology since 2012; organized one of the first EPA tours with a focus on herbicide resistance; and served as president of the Weed Science Society of America in 2015.

Kevin is a native of Virginia and received a B.S. degree in Agriculture from Ferrum College where he met his wife, Megan. Kevin then received a Ph.D. in Weed Science from Virginia Tech. Kevin and Megan have been married for 23 years and have three children: Josh (21), Luke (19), and Emma Kate (17). Outside of work, Kevin's interests include growing just about anything that has chlorophyll in it, serving his church however he can, and following along and supporting whatever his kids decide to do in this life.
Dr. A.N. Rao possess first class academic carrier with “University First Rank” in M.Sc. He obtained Ph. D. (1978) for thesis entitled, “Ecophysiological responses of crops and weeds against herbicides and their residues”. Dr. Rao was a Post Doctoral Fellow at International Crops Research Institute for Semi Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), India (1978-1980) and International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Philippines (1985-1988). Dr. Rao possesses 42 years of research experience in evolving and disseminating integrated weed management technologies for attaining optimal and sustainable crop productivity. Dr. Rao worked at ICRISAT, University of Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University (ANGRAU), A.P. State Council for Science and Technology, Mahindra Shubh Labh; Stypack Agri. and as Agronomist (Weed Scientist), IRRI, Philippines and Egypt. Dr. A.N. Rao was Visiting Scientist (June 2013 to July 2016) and Consultant, ICRISAT and IRRI at International Crops Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Hyderabad, India (from July 2016 to 31 March 2020). Dr. A.N. Rao has more than 150 research papers and popular articles on weed management, published in reputed Journals and presented at national and international conferences. The goal of Dr. Rao's research is to study and gain a better understanding of the impact of different factors on weed community dynamics for the development, testing, and implementation of safe, effective, sustainable and economically viable management strategies for weeds in cropping systems. His findings are being used Asian-Pacific region by farmers for managing weeds. He is committed to contribute to sustainable increase of crop production for food security and poverty alleviation though strengthening of Weed Science in India and Asian-Pacific region. Dr. Rao received CIBA /GEIGY best logo award for designing Asian Pacific Weed Science Society Logo. He secured JRF of CSIR; Travel fellowship grants of UGC, CSIR. Dr. Rao visited Australia, China, Czech Republic, Egypt; Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Syria, Thailand, U.K., USA and Vietnam for scientific work. He is a Life Member of Indian Society of Weed Science (since 1980) and International Weed Science Society (since 1988). A.N. Rao was actively involved in organizing the 25th APWSS Conference in India (2015) at Hyderabad as Program Committee Chairman; 26th APWSS Conference in Japan (2017) and 27th APWSS conference in Malaysia (2019) as General Secretary, APWSS. He has edited five books including APWSS Golden Jubilee Volume as mark of celebrations of Golden Jubilee year of APWSS; "Weed Science for Sustainable agriculture, environment and biodiversity". Dr. A. N. Rao served Indian Society of Weed Science (ISWS) as a Councilor (Andhra Pradesh), Joint-Secretary, Associate Editor and Chief Editor (2021 to 2023) of Indian Journal of Weed Science (IJWS) and contributed along with the team to the increase rating of the journal. Recognizing his contributions, several awards were given to him. ISWS has awarded him the prestigious "ISWS Fellow" award in 2008 and “Gold Medal Award” of ISWS in 2010-2011. Dr. A.N. Rao served as the Secretary General of APWSS (2015 to 2023).
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OUTSTANDING PAPER IN WEED SCIENCE AWARD

VICTOR HUGO VIDAL RIBEIRO, MSC.

Victor Ribeiro is originally from Minas Gerais state in southeastern Brazil where he earned his bachelor's degree in Agronomy and master's degree in Crop Production at Federal University of Jequitinhonha e Mucuri Valleys. During his master's program, he was a visiting student under Dr. Rodrigo Werle's supervision at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which led to a two-year research program. Victor's passion for weed research motivated him to continue his studies as a Ph.D. student in Crop Science at Oregon State University. Currently, Victor is working with Drs. Carol Mallory-Smith, Judit Barroso, and Caio Brunharo, and his research is focused on herbicide resistance in downy brome (Bromus tectorum L.) in wheat production systems in Eastern Oregon. Victor's interests in weed science are very broad, ranging from applied weed research, where he is interested in understanding growers' practices and factors affecting their decisions, to basic research including weed biology and ecology and, molecular mechanisms of herbicide resistance in weeds. His long-term career goal is to become a professor and continue contributing to the Weed Science community. He envisions himself as a scientist who will be able to bridge basic sciences to field practices.

OUTSTANDING PAPER IN WEED TECHNOLOGY AWARD

ANDREW HOWELL

Andrew is a Research Scholar at North Carolina State University focused on developing novel aquatic plant control tactics to support freshwater resource management. Andrew earned his bachelor's in Crop Science, masters in Weed Science, and Ph.D. degrees in Weed Science & Conservation biology from North Carolina State University. His research has included evaluations of unoccupied aerial spray systems, boat-based remote sensing strategies, and innovative herbicide use patterns to support nuisance and invasive weed control programs. He has worked in the field of aquatic plant management for over nine years building collaborations with industry, governmental, and academic sectors throughout the United States and New Zealand. Andrew remains active in numerous professional societies and conservation organizations serving as a board member and leadership roles. Andrew's love for the outdoors upholds his dedication to invasive plant research as he strives to provide technical advances for plant managers. Andrew is an avid outdoorsman and can be found exploring our public lands and waters trout fishing, bowhunting, and hikin
PUBLICATION BOARD AWARD

DR. CAMERON DOUGLASS (INVASIVE PLANT SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT)

Cameron Douglass is currently an Agronomist & Weed Scientist in USDA’s Office of Pest Management Policy (OPMP), and primarily handles policy issues involving registration reviews of herbicides, herbicide resistance management, biological control, and, invasive species-related matters. Cameron previously worked as a biologist in the Environmental Fate and Effects Division of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Pesticide Programs from 2016–2020. Prior to working at USEPA, he was the Thomas McKenna Meredith Postdoctoral Scholar in Environmental Sciences at Trinity College (Hartford, CT). Dr. Douglass received his Ph.D. in Bio-agricultural Sciences and Pest Management from Colorado State University, his M.S. in Vegetable Crops (Weed Science) from Cornell University, and his B.A. in Human Ecology from College of the Atlantic.

PUBLICATION BOARD AWARD (CONTINUED)

DR. GRETA GRAMIG (WEED SCIENCE)

Dr. Greta Gramig is an Associate Professor in the Department of Plant Sciences at North Dakota State University. She teaches courses about weed identification and weed biology and ecology. Dr. Gramig’s current research interests include nonchemical weed management, integrated weed management, weed ecology, and weed management in organic production systems.
Dr. Vijay Singh is an Assistant Professor and Extension Weed Specialist in the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences at Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Virginia Tech. He received his BS and MS from the CCS Haryana Agricultural University, India, PhD in weed science from the University of Arkansas, and a postdoctoral experience from Texas A&M University. Currently, he provides expertise on weed research and extension in row-crops, small grains, and vegetables. He is also working on digital agriculture and data-driven technologies under Virginia Tech’s Smart Farming Initiative. Dr. Singh has authored/ co-authored 44 journal articles and book chapters, 21 extension publications, 1 book, and 80 abstracts in conference proceedings. Dr. Singh has served the Northeastern Weed Science Society, Southern Weed Science Society, and Weed Science Society of America, as section chair, student contest judge, and a member of various committees. Dr. Singh is serving as an associate editor of Agronomy Journal and Frontiers in Agronomy, a reviewer for many other journals including weed technology and weed science, and edited/reviewed more than 125 journal articles. Dr. Singh has edited/ co-edited two special issues on artificial intelligence in agriculture, and remote sensing for Frontiers in Agronomy, and Agronomy journal, respectively. Dr. Singh has been awarded with Outstanding Researcher Award by the Northeastern Weed Science Society in 2024. He hopes to continue to serve weed science societies in the future as well.
Dr Sonia Graham is an Associate Professor at the University of Wollongong. As a rural-environmental geographer, Sonia has spent 17 years studying how and why land managers and government agencies work together to manage weeds, and documenting the diverse benefits and costs of doing so. In 2016, she ran the International Workshop on Weeds and Invasive Plants in Canada, which aimed to make holistic weed management a reality through transdisciplinarity. In 2020, she co-lead the Australian Academy of Science Fenner conference on the Environment, which identified six initiatives for transforming the way weeds are managed in Australia. In 2020, Sonia was awarded an Australian Research Council DECRA fellowship for her project titled: Catalyzing collective action for effective weed management. At the same time she has been the social science leader on the Rural R&D for Profit grant titled: Area wide management for cropping systems weeds, investigating the weed management, social and economic opportunity.
Dr. Jason Norsworthy attended Louisiana Tech University and received a B.S. in Plant Sciences – Agronomy in 1995 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. He has directed the completion of 42 M.S. degrees, 9 Ph.D. degrees, and 9 Postdoctoral Associates and has served on several graduate student committees. Today, Dr. Norsworthy advises 8 M.S. students, 3 Ph.D. students, and 3 Postdoctoral Associates. He takes pride in the numerous accomplishments of his current and former students and the success of his former Post-doctoral Associates in industry and academia. His students have been honored more than 650 times with state, regional, and national awards. Dr. Norsworthy has authored or co-authored over 350 refereed journal publications with an H-index of 53 and over 1,100 abstracts and secured over $19 million in support of his program. His research includes applied and basic studies on most row crops in collaboration with basic Research and Development companies, other universities globally, and governmental entities with a stake in sustainable weed management. The novelty of his research can be seen in his seven U.S. patent submissions and numerous internal patent applications. Dr. Norsworthy frequently travels across the U.S. speaking on the weed management challenges faced by growers in the SWSS region along with ways to address weed management issues, especially focusing on herbicide-resistant weeds. Dr. Norsworthy has provided six invited international keynote addresses on herbicide resistance in the U.S. and mitigation of resistance. Dr. Norsworthy's publication in the journal Weed Science outlining best management practices to mitigate the evolution of herbicide resistance has been the most highly cited paper within the weed science discipline for more than 10 years. For his research and educational accomplishments, the Arkansas Association of Cooperative Extension Specialists recognized Dr. Norsworthy as Researcher of the Year in 2011, and he was presented the Outstanding Researcher Award by the Arkansas Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta in 2015. He received the Australian Orator Award for the Herbicide Resistance Challenge in 2013 and was awarded the Outstanding Educator Award by the SWSS and Researcher of the Year by the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture in 2017. In 2011, Dr. Norsworthy and colleagues received the John W. White Team Award from the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture for their efforts on glyphosate-resistant Palmer amaranth. In 2017, the University of Arkansas Extension Service honored Dr. Norsworthy and colleagues with the Extension Excellence State Team Award for their dicamba research and educational efforts. In 2018, he was named Fellow of the WSSA, received the Outstanding Researcher Award from WSSA, and was co-author of the Outstanding Paper published in the Weed Technology journal. Most recently, Dr. Norsworthy was named the recipient of the Spitez Land Grant University Faculty Award for Excellence in 2021. He has served on the Southern Weed Science Board of Directors and the Weed Science Society of America Board of Directors. Dr. Norsworthy has been an active SWSS member for more than 25 years. During this time, he has served on the Board of Directors, hosted the 2012 Southern Weed Contest, chaired the Site Selection Committee, and several additional committees. Dr. Norsworthy served as an Associate Editor for the peer-reviewed journal Weed Technology from 2002 to 2011 and has since been serving as Editor-in-Chief for the journal.
Nilda Roma-Burgos received a B.S. Agriculture-Soil Science degree from the Visayas State College of Agriculture, Philippines in 1983 and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Agronomy from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville in 1994 and 1997, respectively. She was Field Biologist for Zeneca Ag Products from 1997-1998 and served as Faculty at the University of Arkansas since October 1998. Dr. Burgos conducts research on basic and applied aspects of weed physiology, molecular weed biology, ecology, and transcriptomics with emphasis on weed adaptation to herbicide selection pressure and abiotic stress. She is also conducting research on weed management and investigating new herbicidal compounds and adjuvants, specifically, nano-based adjuvant technology. She has taught Principles of Weed Control (2000-2006), Weed Physiology and Herbicide Resistance in Plants in alternate years (1999-2009), Physiology of Plant-Herbicide interaction on odd years since 2015, Ecology and Morphology of Weedy and Invasive Species since 2011; team taught Weed Science Practicum and co-coached the University of Arkansas Weed Team since 1999; and team-taught Advanced Crop Science since 2014. Dr. Burgos was one of the pioneering UA Faculty Team that established the Global Community Development Service Project in Belize in 2006 and served as mentor for students participating in this program from 2007 to 2011. She also initiated the International Research Experience Program for the UA College of Agriculture, implemented in 2012-2016. She has served as Major Advisor or co-Advisor of 23 M.S. and 28 Ph.D. students; advised 13 undergraduate honors student research; served on 49 graduate student committees; and mentored 18 visiting scientists. Dr. Burgos has served as Secretary and Chair of the SWSS Resistance Committee over several years; Secretary and Chair of the SWSS Foundation; member of the Outstanding Young Scientist Award Committee; member of the SWSS Weed Contest Committee across several years; Editor of the SWSS Proceedings; Associate Editor of the Weed Science journal. She led the assembly and co-edited the Special Issue on Research Methods in Weed Science and a special issue on Weedy Rice. She was elected as Secretary-Treasurer of the International Weed Science Society (2008-2012), Vice-President of IWSS for 2012-2016, served as President of IWSS for 2016-2022, and IWSS Board member until 2024. Dr. Burgos has served as resource speaker and invited lecturer (>30 times) for seminars, trainings, workshops, or conferences in various countries including Bolivia, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, India, Indonesia, Israel, Nicaragua, Peru, Spain, Thailand, the Philippines, Uruguay, and Vietnam. She had delivered 37 invited presentations for local/regional educational outreach and Extension workshops. She has authored and co-authored 145 refereed journal articles, 10 book and book chapters, and more than 10 extension/nontechnical publications.
2024 SWSS AWARDS

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

**DR. TOM BARBER**

Dr. Tom Barber was born and raised on a small cattle and row-crop farm near Texarkana in Southwest Arkansas. Tom received his B.S. in Agronomy and M.S. in Weed Science from the University of Arkansas under the leadership of Dr. Dick Oliver and Ford Bladwin. In 2001, he transferred to Mississippi State University, where he pursued a Ph.D. in Weed Science under the direction of Dr. Dan Reynolds. Tom accepted his first role as the Extension Cotton Specialist for Mississippi State in 2004 and immediately developed a passion for working one-on-one with cotton producers at the farm level. In 2007, Tom moved back home to Arkansas, where he initially served as the Extension Cotton Specialist with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture until 2012, when he was offered the opportunity to move into a weed science role. He currently holds the split responsibility of Professor/Extension Weed Scientist and Director of the Jackson County Extension Center with the U of A Division of Agriculture. Tom conducts applied weed control research in corn, cotton, grain sorghum, peanut, soybean, and rice to provide accurate recommendations in the areas of herbicide and rate selection, resistant weed management, and alternative control methods for farmers, consultants, and other members of the Arkansas Agricultural Industry. In addition, in 2018, Tom accepted administrative responsibilities to manage research projects and the construction of a new office and meeting facility at the 400-acre Jackson County Extension Center near Newport, AR. Tom has been married to his wife Scharidi for 23 years, and they live in Cabot, AR, with their three sons, Haeden, Kohlton, and Jackson.

EXCELLENCE IN REGULATORY AWARD

**THOMAS MUELLER**

Thomas C. Mueller is a Professor in the Department of Plant Sciences, the University of Tennessee. He is located on the main campus in Knoxville, which is the flagship campus for the land-grant University for the state of Tennessee. Dr. Mueller was reared on a small diversified grain farm in southern Illinois. He received his BS from the University of Illinois in Agronomy, his MS from the University of Kentucky in Crop Science, and his PhD from the University of Georgia in Crop Science. His graduate studies focused on weed science, specifically how herbicides behave in plants and the environment. He has two primary research areas. The first is the environmental fate of pesticides (especially herbicides) in soils, water systems, and in the air (via drift), and the second is the confirmation and subsequent control of herbicide-resistant weeds (mainly to glyphosate). His main commodities of focus are corn, wheat and soybeans, although he has conducted research in canola, cotton, rice, pastures, turf, native areas (national parks) and various other areas. This diversity in research areas and teaching several undergraduate and graduate courses has imparted a broad perspective, one that realizes that integrated pest management must consider environmental and ecological ramifications of crop productions systems. He has published >130 refereed articles in >20 different journals. Dr. Mueller has served on an EPA Scientific Advisory Board, has served as an associate editor for Weed Science and Weed Technology, has served on the executive board for the Weed Science Society of America as Secretary, is a former President of the Southern Weed Science Society, and is active in various state, regional, and national programs. He was named a fellow of the WSSA in 2014. Dr. Mueller has instructed >1100 undergraduate students in a variety of classes, including Weed Management, Agricultural Pesticides, Integrated Pest Management, Pesticide Fate in Soils, Herbicide Physiology, and HPLC Methods and Applications. He has advised 25 graduate students with a 100% placement rate.
Vipin Kumar was born and raised on a family farm in Haryana, a major agricultural state in Northern India. Vipin learned about crop production while working with his father on his own farm. What began as an unpleasant weekend chore of manual cotton picking soon turned into an appreciation for farmers and agriculture. With his interest in agriculture, Vipin earned a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Sciences with a major in Agronomy from CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Haryana, India. Among different disciplines, what interested him the most, though, was weed science given its importance in crop production. After his bachelor’s, he worked as a Junior Research Fellow at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India for about a year before moving to the United States to pursue a master’s degree. He completed his MS degree at Virginia Tech under the supervision of Dr. Vijay Singh. His master’s research project focused on the evaluation of different cover crops and their termination timings for weed management in corn and control of volunteer cover crop plants. During his master’s, he worked closely with industry representatives, extension agents, and local growers. Vipin enjoys talking with farmers about his research and has presented his research work on various field days. He has authored and co-authored six research articles during his MS. He received the Department’s Outstanding Graduate Student award at Virginia Tech for his MS. Currently, Vipin is pursuing a doctorate degree in weed science at University of Nebraska, Lincoln under the supervision of Dr. Amit Jhala. He is hoping to continue working with farmers while pursuing his research interest in weed science.

Sarah Kezar of Syracuse, IN, graduated cum laude from Oklahoma State University in 2018 with a B.S. in Plant & Soil Science and a double minor in Agricultural Economics and Animal Science. Research was a primary interest during her time at Oklahoma State University, followed by barrel racing on the collegiate rodeo team. It was not until junior year that she switched from majoring in Animal Science and undergraduate research with feedlot cattle to majoring in Plant & Soil Science and studying canola and wheat cropping systems as a Wentz and Sittlington research scholar. Sarah continued to a M.S. at Oklahoma State University, under the direction of Dr. Josh Lofton, and her research on soybean reproduction losses and potential for recovery resulted in authoring or co-authoring 4 peer-reviewed journal publications and 4 extension publications. In May 2020, she graduated summa cum laude and was awarded Outstanding M.S. Student by the Department of Plant & Soil Sciences, Graduate Professional Student Government Association, and the Graduate College. Thereafter, she joined Dr. Muthukumar Bagavathiannan's lab at Texas A&M University to give weed science a try! Her dissertation research focused on the efficacy of integrated weed management programs for Palmer amaranth in cotton by leading a Cotton Belt-wide 16 site-year study and evaluating new approaches to target weed reproduction with the use of chemical gametocides or red light. For her research, she received the TAMU University Merit Fellowship, the ASA-CSSA-SSSA Encompass Fellowship, and the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research Fellowship which, with matching support from Cotton Incorporated, funded her Ph.D. program. The opportunity to be involved in the weed science community as the SWSS Graduate Student Org. Vice-President/President and WSSA Graduate Student Org. Vice-President/President is something she is most thankful for, along with the friendships and mentorship along the way. She is also appreciative of the 2021 SWSS Endowment Enrichment Scholarship to tour Bayer in St. Louis and the 2022 WSSA Travel Enrichment Scholarship to learn about various USDA agencies in Washington, D.C. Sarah successfully defended her dissertation in March 2023 and was awarded the Outstanding Ph.D. Student by the Texas Plant Protection Association and the Gerald O. Mott Award from the CSSA. From her time at Texas A&M University, Sarah has published 22 abstracts from scientific presentations, has 7 authored or co-authored peer-reviewed journal publications expected from her dissertation research, and successfully conceptualized and wrote a NIFA-AFRI Post-Doctoral grant. Currently, Sarah is studying the nexus of weed ecology and climate as a NIFA-AFRI Post-Doctoral Fellow under the direction of Dr. Antonio DiTommaso at Cornell University. Next, she intends to continue working weed science and agronomic research in academia or the ARS and get back to the ‘hobby’ of training horses and rodeo.
2024 SWSS AWARDS

OUTSTANDING YOUNG WEED SCIENTIST – ACADEMIA

DR. THOMAS (TOMMY) BUTTS

Dr. Tommy Butts is an Associate Professor, Extension Weed Scientist with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture based out of Lonoke, Arkansas. He started with the Division of Agriculture in 2018. Tommy originally hails from southern Wisconsin where he grew up working on and around small dairy farms. He completed his Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville (2012), Master of Science in Agronomy-Weed Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (2015), and Ph.D. in Agronomy-Weed Science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2018). Tommy's current research and Extension efforts focus on identifying novel weed management strategies through diversified approaches including the use of precision agriculture and application technologies primarily in rice, soybean, and wheat, among other cropping systems. Further emphasis is placed on helping to increase herbicide application knowledge, safety, and effectiveness, while reducing off-target movement, both from ground-based and aerial applications. Tommy has garnered over $4.6 million in total funding from numerous sources including state commodity boards, NSF, USDA-NIFA, and USDA-ARS. In addition, he has authored 55 journal publications, 173 professional meeting abstracts, and 88 peer-reviewed research reports. Tommy has also heavily focused on providing research results directly to stakeholders. This has resulted in the publication of 68 Extension publications, 14 videos, and more than 260 meeting, invited speaker, and field day presentations. Tommy has also initiated innovative outreach methods including the Arkansas Extension Specialist mass text messaging service in which over 410 individuals are subscribed to the “weeds” text list and the Weeds AR Wild podcast series which across its 69 total episodes has received over 25,000 downloads. Tommy has also been active within SWSS serving as the Newsletter Editor since 2021, serving on the Computer Committee, and as Chair of the Student Program Committee (2021-2022). In addition to SWSS, Tommy has also served on committees and provided leadership for ASA, WSSA, SERA-18 Rice Technical Working Group, and the Arkansas Crop Protection Association.

Outside of work, Tommy loves spending time with his wife Liberty, his son Brooker (3), and his daughter Brinley (2), whether it be exploring new areas, hiking, or playing in the backyard.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG WEED SCIENTIST – INDUSTRY

PETER EURE

Pete Eure is currently the Eastern Region Head for Syngenta Crop Protection Field Development. A native of eastern North Carolina, he was born and raised on a family farm where they grow corn, wheat, soybeans, sorghum, and cotton. Pete received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from North Carolina State University and Ph.D. in Weed Science from the University of Georgia where he conducted research in cotton, peanuts, and vegetables. Pete began his career at Syngenta in 2014 as a Research & Development Scientist in Texas where his responsibilities included the screening of early-stage active ingredients as well as conducting product concept evaluations. Pete went on to work as a Technical Product Lead where he managed the development of new weed management concepts for soybeans and cereals and supported currently registered Syngenta herbicides in these crops. Pete is an active member of the Southern Weed Science Society and Weed Science Society of America where he has served in numerous capacities. He currently lives in Greensboro, North Carolina with his wife Tabitha.
WSSA

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David Johnson for his service as Associate Editor, Weed Technology 2020-2024
John Cardina for his service as Associate Editor, Invasive Plant Science Management 2008-2023
Marie Jasieniuk for her service as Associate Editor, Invasive Plant Science Management 2017-2023
Steven Seefeldt for his service as Associate Editor, Invasive Plant Science Management 2014-2023
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A.J. Linck
R. Lehrens
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1966 - J.H. Ohman
T. Kommedahl
L.L. Jansen

1967 - L.L. McCormick
A.E. Hiltbold

1968 - R. Prasad
C.L. Foy
A.S. Crafts

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H.R. Swanson

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1974 - J.T. Daniel
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M.C. Williams

1977 - J.W. Anderson
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1979 - P.G. Bartels
C.W. Watson

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C.J. Arntzen
P.W. Slife

1981 - D.T. Patterson
E.P. Flint

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D.N. Eeock
J.A. Young

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1985 - E.R. Schweizer
R.L. Zimdahl

1986 - R.D. Gruenhagen
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1987 - R.N. Paul
S.O. Duke
W.H. Kenyon

1988 - S.L. Sherrick
G.S. Wilkerson
H.J. Gold
H.D. Coble

1989 - C.G. McWhorter
R.N. Paul
J.C. Ousts

1990 - D.A. Mortensen
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1991 - W.H. Ahrens
R.L. Zimdahl

1992 - J.M. Shribbs
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1995 - D.A. Derksen
A.G. Thomas
G.P. Lafaon
H.A. Loeppky
C.J. Swanton

1996 - C.G. McWhorter
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1997 - M. Jasieniuk
A.L. Erule-Babel
I.N. Morrison

1998 - F. Porcella
R.P. King
S.M. Swinton
D.D. Euhler
J.L. Gunosolus

1999 - C.V. Eberlein
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J.Steffen-Cambell

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L.Liu
P.J. Tranel
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E.W. Stoller

2001 - J.J. Holt
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2002 - L. Hall
K. Topinka
J.H. Huffman
L. Davis
A. Good

2003 - E.V. Ottis
A.W. Prazak-Harvey
C.A. Fornans
C. Smeller
J.W. Chandler
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2004 - M.A. Stanislaus
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2005 - A.H. Steinau
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M. Steinau

2006 - I. Rajcan
K.J. Chandler
C.J. Swanton

2007 - J.T. Dauer
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R. Humston

2008 - K.W. Davies
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2009 - D.P. Horvath
D.L. Llewellyn
S.Clay

2010 - S.S. Kaufman
I.Zelaya
R.P. Dale
A.J. Lyckett
P. Carter

2011 - J. Stockey
D.L. Llewellyn
S.Clay

2012 - K. Thinglum
C.W. Riggins
A.S. Davis
K.W. Eradley
K. Alkhatab
P.J. Tranel

2013 - J. Moriles
S. Hansen
D. Harvath
G. Reicks
K.M. Earlow

2014 - S.B. Wortman
A.S. Davis
E.J. Schutter
J.L. Lindquist
J. Cardina
J. Felix
C.L. Sprague
J.A. Dille
A. Ramirez
G. Reicks
S. Clay

2015 - J.F. Egan
K.M. Earlow
D.A. Mortensen
D. Clay
S. Clay

2016 - L.W. Schwartz
D.J. Gibson
K.L. Sage
J.L. Matthews
D.L. Jordan
M.D.K. Owen
D.R. Shaw
S.C. Weller
R.O. Wilson
E.O. Young

2017 - M. Dogramaci
D.O. Orang
J.V. Anderson
W.S. Chao
N.B. Foley

2018 - G. Cundiff
T.C. Mueller
D.E. Reynolds

2019 - A. Kniss

2020 - J. Montgomery
A. Shafeque
D. Aitacomi
F. Brown
P. Tranel

2021 - N. Maity
V. Singh
W. Martin
P. Ferreira
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E. Gerwitt
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1988 - S.O. Duke
J. Lydon

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1991 - E.D. Maxwell
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1994 - G. Kapusta
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1995 - T.M. Webster
M.W. Loux
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1996 - I. A. Bello
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K.R. Banken
I. A. Bello
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1998 - T.M. Wolf
A.C. Caldwell
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1999 - K.D. Morrison
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2000 - R.E. Blackshaw
G. Semach
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T. O’Donovan
K.N. Harker

2001 - J. Zhang
S. Weaver
A. Hamill

2002 - C. Leger
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2003 - L.W. Lass
D.C. Thill
F. Shafii
T.S. Prather

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

2005 - W.G. Johnson
A.S. Sciumbato
J.M Chandler
S.A. Senseman

2006 - A.S. Sciumbato
R.W. Eovey
K.L. Smith

2007 - S.E. Powles
C. Preston
S.M. Zedaker
J.R. Seiler

2008 - M.P. Blair
W.L. Hipkins
J.J. Vargas

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

2010 - H.J. Beckie
X. Reboud
W.S. Curran
S.W. Duiker

2011 - R. A. Mischler
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. Eck
A. Patton
Q. Law
D.V. Weisenberger

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

2018 - M. Loux
E. Young
K. Bradley
E. Johnson

2019 - M. Walsh
J. Broster
S. Powles

2020 - K. Lillie
D. Giacomini
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2022 - M. Eish
E. Oseland
K. Bradley

2023 - K. Bradley
H. Schreier
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## OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

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1984 G.A. Buchanan, W.A. Gentner, M.M. Schreiber & R.L. Zimdahl
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2020 D.B. Reynolds & B.G. Young
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1998 Thomas C. Mueller University of Tennessee
1999 Daniel B. Reynolds Mississippi State University
2000 Fred Yelverton North Carolina State University
2001 John D. Byrd, Jr. Mississippi State University
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2012 Jason Bond Mississippi State University
2012 Cody Gray United Phosphorus Inc.
2013 Shawn Askew Virginia Tech
2013 Greg Armel BASF Company
2014 Jason Ferrell University of Florida
2014 Vinod Shivrain Syngenta
2015 Jim Brosnan University of Tennessee
2016 Daniel Oliver Stephenson, IV LSU
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2004 William Vencill University of Georgia
2005 John W. Wilcutt North Carolina State University
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2009 William W. Witt University of Kentucky
2010 Peter Dotray Texas Tech. University
2011 Eric Prostko University of Georgia
2012 Gregory Mac Donald University of Florida
2013 Tim Grey University of Georgia
2014 Scott Senseman University of Tennessee
2015 Nilda Roma-Burgos University of Arkansas
2016 Katie M. Jennings North Carolina State Univ.
2017 Jason Norsworthy University of Arkansas
2018 Stanley Culpepper University of Georgia
2019 Larry Steckel University of Tennessee
2020 Stephen Enloe University of Florida
2022 Ramon Leon North Carolina State University
2023 Darrin Dodds Mississippi State University
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2002 William A. Bailey  North Carolina State University
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2007 Wesley Everman  North Carolina State University
2008 Darrin Dodds  Mississippi State University
2009 Sarah Lancaster  Texas A&M University
2010 Tom Eubank  Mississippi State University
2011 Sanjeev Bangarwa  University of Arkansas
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2014 James McCurdy  Auburn University
2015 Sushila Chaudhari  North Carolina State University
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2017 Misha Manuchehri  Texas Tech University
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2005 Whitney Barker North Carolina State University
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2009 Ryan Pekarek North Carolina State University
2010 Robin Bond Mississippi State University
2011 George S. (Trey) Cutts, III University of Georgia
2012 Josh Wilson University of Arkansas
2013 Bob Cross University of Arkansas
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