



South Atlantic Chapter of the Society of Wetland Scientists



Winners of Student Travel Awards to ASB Annual Meetings

The South Atlantic Chapter used to provide travel awards of at least \$100 each to support a limited number of graduate students presenting wetland-related research at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists (ASB). **As of June 4, 2013, the Chapter voted to no longer provide this award due to the waning relationship between ASB and SAC. See the June 4, 2013 Chapter Business Meeting Minutes available on the Chapter website at www.sws.org.**

2013 Travel Award Winners:

- **Mathew Semcheski**, Norfolk, VA - Benthic microalgal composition in lower Chesapeake Bay intertidal wetlands

2012 Travel Award Winners:

- **Mathew L. Reid**, University of Louisiana at Monroe - Twenty-seven Years of Bottomland Hardwood Forest Succession

2011 Travel Award Winners:

- **Alex Fotis**, University of Louisiana at Monroe - Living on the edge: trees promoting optimal conditions for woody seedling performance (click name for photo)
- **Lisa Brown**, University of Louisiana at Monroe - Herpetofaunal survey of Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge in northern Louisiana (click name for photo)

2010 Travel Award Winners:

- **Jamie Duberstein**, Clemson University - Physiological and growth differences of mature baldcypress trees in relation to salinity in “freshwater” tidal swamps undergoing persistent drought (click name for photo)
- **William deGravelles**, Clemson University - The Effects of Artificial Canopy Gap Creation on Baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum* L.) Sapling Growth in a North Carolina C Swamp: Initial Response (click name for photo)

2009 Travel Award Winners:

- None applied - none awarded.

2008 Travel Award Winners:

- **Charlotte Steelman**, Davidson College - Optimizing Amphibian Monitoring Programs: Development of Predictive Models of Anuran Calling Activity.
- **Evan Eskew**, Davidson College - Optimizing Amphibian Monitoring Programs: Development of Predictive Models of Anuran Calling Activity.
- **Masamichi Ogasawara**, Clemson University - Plant coverage and biomass analysis of herbaceous vegetation in South Carolina tidally influenced freshwater forested wetlands.
- **Grant Connette**, Davidson College - Abiotic factors influencing activity in stream salamanders.

- **Staci Blecha**, Old Dominion University - Inter-island variability in above and belowground plant biomass in interior marshes on the barrier islands

2007 Travel Award Winners:

- **Elizabeth Matthews**, University of North Carolina at Chapel - Alluvial plant communities of Piedmont brown-water rivers.
- **Masamichi Ogasawara**, Clemson University - Spatial analysis of herbaceous vegetation in South Carolina tidally influenced freshwater forested wetlands
- **Rachel Schroeder**, Old Dominion University and Christopher Newport University - The effect of elevated CO₂ on CH₄ emission from an emergent wetland plant.
- **Christopher Winne**, University of Georgia, Savannah River Ecology Laboratory - Influence of sex and reproductive condition on terrestrial and aquatic locomotor performance in the semi-aquatic snake *Seminatrix pygaea*.
- **Danielle Zoellner**, Coastal Carolina University - Analysis of local and landscape level factors influencing development of three community types within Carolina bays in northeastern South Carolina.

2006 Travel Award Winners:

- **William Chapman**, The Citadel - Is the grass greener on the other side of the road? Characterizing primary producers, primary and secondary consumers in two marshes separated by an earthen causeway.
- **Masamichi Ogasawara**, Clemson University - A comparison of spatial variability associated with ephemeral wetland ponds in the Duke Forest, North Carolina.

2005 Travel Award Winners:

- **Chris Winne**, University of Georgia
- **Gabrielle Graeter**, University of Georgia
- **John Willson**, University of Georgia

2004 Travel Award Winners:

- **Sherry Holmes**, University of Alabama
- **Colleen M. Iversen**, University of Tennessee

2003 Travel Award Winners:

- **Sherry Holmes**, University of Alabama

2002 Travel Award Winners:

- **Aswini Pai**, Ohio University - Seed germination in *Acorus calamus* L. (Acoraceae) a perennial wetland macrophyte.
- **Brett McMillan**, Old Dominion University - *Tradescantia fluminensis*, an exotic, invasive species in Florida's mesic hardwood forests.
- **Alice Harper**, Delta State University - Evidence for Mycotrophy in Yellow Pitcher (*Sarracenia alata*) Growing in Lower Coastal Wetlands in Mississippi.
- **Mehmet Ozalp**, Clemson University - Comparison of Aboveground Productivity of Red-water and Black-water Forested Wetland Sites in South Carolina.

2001 Travel Award Winners:

- **Eric Blackwell**, University of Alabama-Birmingham
- **Steven Busbee**, Clemson University
- **Tanya Darden**, University of Southern Mississippi
- **Erik Hoyer**, Southern Illinois University
- **Andrea Lowrance**, University of Georgia

From 1998 to 2000 the South Atlantic Chapter presented a check to ASB to use for student travel.