## Silvia Strauss-Debenedetti

E. Lucy Braun was an eminent plant ecologist and the first woman president of the Ecological Society of America. Besides describing and mapping the deciduous forest regions of eastern North America, Lucy Braun served as a dedicated teacher and role model for her students. To honor her, this award is presented to a student for the outstanding poster presentation at the Society's annual meeting. This award was first presented in 1988.

The 1989 winner of the award is Silvia Strauss-Debenedetti for her poster, "Responses to light in tropical Moraceae of different successional stages." Silvia received her bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke, her M.F.S. From Yale School of Forestry, and her Ph.D. from Yale University (May 1989) where her advisors were G. Berlyn from Yale and F. Bazzaz from Harvard University. Silvia is currently a post-doctoral associate at Princeton University.

Receiving an honorable mention was Diane M. Cinquemani of College of Environmental Science and Forestry, SUNY-Syracuse for her poster "A microsite study of *Phyllitis scolopendrium* var. *americana* in central New York State."

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