Sharon Y. Strauss

Murray F. Buell ascribed great importance to the participation of students at meetings and to excellence in the presentation of papers. To honor his dedication to the Ecological Society of America and to the younger generation of ecologists this award is presented to a student (undergraduate, graduate or recent doctorate) for the outstanding oral paper presented at the Society's annual meeting.

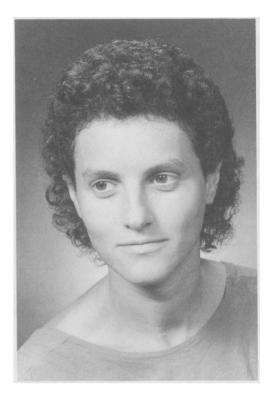
The 1987 winner of the award is Sharon Y. Strauss for her paper, "Historical effects of herbivory on sumac fitness." Sharon received her bachelor's degree from Harvard University, a master's from the University of Minnesota and is currently completing her doctorate in the Department of Biological Science at Florida State University.

Receiving honorable mention citations were Susan Mopper of Northern Arizona University for her paper, "Skewed herbivore sex ratios: A plant defense mechanism?" and Shahid Naeem of the University of California at Berkeley for his paper, "Resource heterogeneity fosters coexistence of a mite and a midge in pitcher plants."

Since being instituted in 1977, the award has been presented to the following individuals:

1977 James R. Ehleringer (Stanford University)

1978 Paul A. Delcourt (University of Minnesota)



1979 John Dacey (Michigan State University)
1980 Andrew Sih (UC-Santa Barbara)
1981 Becky J. Brown (University of Florida)
1982 Deanna J. Stouder (UC-Santa Barbara)
1983 Elaine M. Birk (University of North Carolina)

Dean Cocking
Bruce Milne
John Schalles
Kimberly Smith
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