

MERCER AWARD

Peter J. Morin



Mercer Award winner Peter J. Morin receiving certificate from Edward J. Bloustein, President of Rutgers University.

Peter J. Morin is the recipient of the George Mercer Award for 1985. The Mercer Award is presented annually to a young ecologist in recognition of an outstanding paper published during the previous two years.

Dr. Morin receives the award in recognition of his paper "Predation, Competition and the Composition of Larval Anuran Guilds," published in *Ecological Monographs* 53:119-138(1983). In this paper, Morin explores the effects and interactions of predation and competition on anuran assemblages in temporary ponds. His experimental design, statistical analysis, and biological interpretation are carried out with unusual rigor. This paper stands as an important example of how to define and approach questions in experimental community ecology.

Written by Donald J. Hall
Selection Committee:

Larry B. Crowder

Larry M. Dill

John A. Endler

Deborah E. Goldberg

Nelson G. Hairston

Donald J. Hall, Chair

G. D. Tilman

Richard G. Wiegert