



Margaret Palmer presents the First Annual Thomas M. Frost Award to Jon Shurin at the 87th Annual Meeting in Tucson, Arizona.

Best student paper award

In 2001, we initiated an award for the best oral paper presented by a student in the Aquatic Ecology Section. The competition is coordinated with the Buell-Braun committee. The 2002 recipient was:

Heather Vance-Chalcraft (University of Illinois and Illinois Natural History Survey) for her paper: “*Evaluating the prevalence of nonadditivity for multiple predator species in aquatic systems.*”

Heather received a check for \$200 in recognition of her presentation.

Thomas M. Frost Award for Excellence in Graduate Research

Thomas M. Frost was the director of the University of Wisconsin Trout Lake Station from 1981 until his death in 2000. His colleagues remember him as a dedicated and creative scientist who brought a gentle, caring humanity to our endeavors. To honor

Tom’s commitments to aquatic ecology and to graduate student education, the Aquatic Ecology Section initiated the Thomas M. Frost Award for Excellence in Graduate Research in 2002. This award recognizes an outstanding paper resulting from research done as a graduate student (and comes with a check for \$500). The inaugural recipient of the Thomas M. Frost Award was Jonathan B. Shurin for his article, “Dispersal limitation, invasion resistance, and the structure of pond zooplankton communities” published in *Ecology* 81:3074–3086. Through a set of simple yet elegant experiments, this study demonstrated that natural communities were relatively closed to invasion, and that invasion of exotics was facilitated by mortality within resident zooplankton populations. Perhaps most importantly, it provides clear evidence that diversity increases resistance to invasion in natural systems. This paper is just one of several outstanding publications resulting from Dr. Shurin’s dissertation research done at University of Chicago under the direction of Matthew Leibold.