Larry Sandler Memorial Lecture

The Larry Sandler Memorial Lectureship was established in 1988 by the colleagues, friends and students of Dr. Larry Sandler after his untimely death in February 1987. The award serves to honor Dr. Sandler for his many contributions to Drosophila genetics and his exceptional dedication to the training of Drosophila biologists. Any student completing a Ph.D. in an area of Drosophila research in the calendar year preceding the annual Drosophila Research Conference is eligible and may be nominated by his/her dissertation advisor. The Selection Committee for 2004 includes Gerold Schubiger, Seth Blair, Ross Cagan and Gertrud Schüpbach. The Committee reviews nominations, reads the dissertations of the finalists, and selects the awardee. Past recipients of this honor are:

- Bruce Edgar, 1988
- Kate Harding, 1989
- Michael Dickinson, 1990
- Maurice Kernan, 1991
- Doug Kellogg, 1992
- David Schneider, 1993
- Kendal Broadie, 1994
- David Begun, 1995
- Chaoyong Ma, 1996
- Abby Dernburg, 1997
- Nir Hacohen, 1998
- Terence Murphy, 1999
- Bin Chen, 2000
- James Wilhelm, 2001
- Matthew C. Gibson, 2002
- Sinisa Urban, 2003
- Elissa Hallem, 2004

The recipient of the 17th Larry Sandler Award for the most outstanding Ph.D. dissertation submitted this year will present a lecture at 8:35 pm on the opening night of the Conference, Wednesday evening, March 30. Gerold Schubiger, chair of this year’s Selection Committee, will introduce the recipient.

The DeLill Nasser Award for Professional Development in Genetics

The Delill Nasser Award for Professional Development in Genetics was established by The Genetics Society of America in mid-2001 in honor of the late DeLill Nasser, who served for 22 years as the program director of the Eukaryotic Genetics Section at the National Science Foundation. The award fund, made possible by contributions from her family and friends, is growing steadily. It recognizes Dr. Nasser’s contributions to the field of genetics and her strong support of young scientists. Travel and tuition awards will be made annually to allow graduate students and postdoctoral trainees to attend meetings or enroll in laboratory courses. The application will be posted on the GSA Web site (http://www.genetics-gsa.org/) after August 19, 2005. The deadline for applications is November 18, 2005.

Since 2001, deserving young investigators have been awarded to attend genetics research conferences.

**2001 Awardees**
- Amy Rice, Indiana University
- Kristin L. Latham, Oregon State University
- Joshua Chern, Baylor College of Medicine
- Tim Christensen, Cornell University

**2002 Awardee**
- Sandra M. Leal, Saint Louis University Medical School

**2003 Awardee**
- Sue L. Jaspersen, University of Colorado-Boulder

**2004 Awardees**
- Joshua C. Mell, University of California, Davis
- Elena A. Repnikova, Texas A&M University

The GSA strongly encourages all of its members and friends to donate. To date over $45,000 has been raised. Up to five percent of the fund amount will be awarded each year. Please make your check payable to The Genetics Society of America and send it to Elaine Strass, GSA, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814-3998. Please write "Nasser Fund" on the bottom left of the check.