

Larry Sandler Memorial Lecture

The Larry Sandler Memorial Lecture 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 his 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 2005 includes chair Scott Hawley, Susan Abmayr, Ken Burtis and Helen Sal. The Committee reviews nominations, reads the dissertations of the finalists, and selects the awardee. Past recipients of this honor are:

Bruce Edgar, 1988	Kendal Broadie, 1994	Bin Chen, 2000
Kate Harding, 1989	David Begun, 1995	James Wilhelm, 2001
Michael Dickinson, 1990	Chaoyong Ma, 1996	Matthew C. Gibson, 2002
Maurice Kernan, 1991	Abby Dernburg, 1997	Sinisa Urban, 2003
Doug Kellogg, 1992	Nir Hacohen, 1998	Sean McGuire, 2004
David Schneider, 1993	Terence Murphy, 1999	Elissa Hallem, 2005

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, 2006. The deadline for applications is November 17, 2006.

For the past five years, deserving young investigators have been awarded funds to attend genetics research conferences.

2002 Awardees

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

2003 Awardee

Sandra M. Leal, Saint Louis University Medical School

2004 Awardee

Sue L. Jaspersen, University of Colorado – Boulder

2005 Awardees

Joshua C. Mell, University of California, Davis
 Honorable Mention
 Elena A. Repnikova, Texas A&M University

2006 Awardees

Anjon Audhya, Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research
 Gil B. Carvalho, California Institute of Technology
 Atina G. Cote, Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto
 Elissa P. Lei, The Johns Hopkins University
 Kirki Tsigari, Alexander Fleming Biomedical Research Institute

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.