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Genetics Society of America Announces Poster Award Recipients at the 50th Annual Drosophila Research Conference

Bethesda, MD – Three graduate students and three postdoctoral fellows received poster awards from the Genetics Society of America at the 50th Annual Drosophila Research Conference in Chicago, Illinois, March 4-8, 2009. The students and postdoctoral fellows received these awards based on the outstanding quality of the scientific research reflected on these posters and in discussions with a team of judges. First awards are for \$500, second are \$300 and third are \$200.

The recipients, their institution and the title of their research abstract are as follows:

First Award

Frederick Ling, graduate student, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. “Functional and molecular analysis of tarsal gustatory sensilla” (617B). Ling’s advisor is John Carlson from the Yale department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology.

Stefan L. Ameres, postdoctoral fellow, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, Massachusetts. “Small RNA-target RNA interactions determine the stability of small silencing RNAs in *Drosophila*” (801C). Phillip D. Zamore was the Principal Investigator on this project.

Second Award

C. Nien, graduate student, New York University, New York, New York. “The Zinc-finger protein Zelda is a key activator of the early zygotic genome in *Drosophila*” (678C). Christine Rushlow is Nien’s adviser.

Elena Lucchetta, postdoctoral fellow, The University of Chicago, Illinois. “Microfluidics to Determine Mechanisms of Cell Cycle and Patterning Compensation Due to Environmental Perturbations.” (904A)

Third Award

Mathew Logan Johnson, graduate student, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. “PPS is co-transcriptional contributor to *Sex-lethal* alternative splicing regulation” (810C). Johnson’s advisor on this project was Helen K. Salz.

Kevin Legent, postdoctoral fellow, New York University Medical Center, New York, New York. “A mosaic screen for X-linked mutations affecting photoreceptor differentiation” (248B). Legent worked in the Jessica Treisman lab at the Skirball Institute of Biomolecular Medicine.

The abstracts of the titles listed here can be found at:

<http://www.drosophila-conf.org/2009/abstracts/search.html>. Search by abstract number in parenthesis.

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