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Thomas Silhavy of Princeton Receives First Novitski Prize

In conjunction with the family of Edward Novitski (1918-2006), a noted *Drosophila* geneticist, the Genetics Society of America is pleased to announce that the recipient of the first Novitski Prize is Thomas J. Silhavy of Princeton University. The Novitski Prize is awarded in recognition of innovative experimental approaches and extraordinary creativity in solving a significant problem in genetics research.

Dr. Silhavy is a bacterial geneticist who has made fundamental contributions to the field of cell biology. His work, using *Escherichia coli* as a model system, led to isolating signal sequence mutations and the mechanisms for sensing extracellular conditions and stimuli. His lab is now researching the regulatory systems that allow cells to survive starvation.

Dr. Silhavy will receive his award on Sunday, January 6, at the GSA-sponsored Genetic Analysis: Model Organisms to Human Biology meeting at the Town and Country Resort & Conference Center in San Diego, California.

The Genetics Society of America is a membership society representing nearly 5,000 scientists and educators in the field of genetics. The Society promotes communication of advances in genetics through its journal, *GENETICS* and by sponsoring scientific meetings focused on key organisms widely used in genetic research including *Drosophila*, yeast, *C. elegans*, *Chlamydomonas*, fungal genetics and zebra fish. The Society's newest meeting, Genetic Analysis: Model Organisms to Human Biology enables investigators working on model organisms and those working in human genetics to communicate and exchange ideas in genetic research.

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