

Dear SysEB Members,

We hope everyone is safe and doing well during this difficult time. We want to reassure you that SysEB leadership remains active and engaged. We are fully committed to reaching our goals for the section this year.

Entomological Collections Management Workshop Update

After much consideration and discussion, SysEB and ECN leadership decided to assemble a new core team of Principal Investigators and established a Steering Committee for the ECM workshop series. This newly formed Steering Committee consists of the three main instructors and equal representation from the leadership of ECN and SysEB. The Committee has discussed and decided to postpone the workshop for at least another year. This is in part due to concerns about travel and complications brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, we hope to secure NSF funding to support our popular travel grant program. We are optimistic that we will be able to offer this program in the future, but are hesitant to set dates until we know more about that support. We will continue to keep the ECN and SysEB memberships informed as things develop and use the extra time to continue improving the content of the workshops to make it even more valuable to the collections community. Thank you for your patience as we work to bring you the best product possible for your collections-related educational needs.

Summer Award Deadlines

Snodgrass & Patch Awards Nominations

The Edith M. Patch and Robert E. Snodgrass Awards recognize outstanding research by a graduate students at the Masters and PhD level who have completed a research thesis or dissertation in arthropod morphology, systematics, taxonomy, or evolution. Candidates must be ESA members and must have completed a graduate research thesis or dissertation in arthropod morphology, systematics, taxonomy, or evolution at a recognized college or university within two calendar years prior to the nomination submission deadline. Nominations may be made by anyone, although self-nominations are encouraged. For information on all application requirements visit <https://www.entsoc.org/syseb/snodgrass-memorial-research-award> (Snodgrass) or <https://www.entsoc.org/syseb/patch-award> (Patch). Applications are due **Friday, June 5, 2020**.

Thomas Say Award Nominations Open

The Thomas Say Award is an endowed award that “acknowledges significant and outstanding work in the fields of insect systematics, morphology, or evolution”. It is awarded on the quality and impact of a single published work by the nominee(s). Please review the application requirements (which have been revised this year) for eligibility: <https://www.entsoc.org/syseb/thomas-say-award>. Applications are due **Friday, June 5, 2020**.

BioQuip Products Undergraduate Scholarship

The BioQuip Products Undergraduate Scholarship seeks to encourage and support undergraduate students from North American universities who are seeking a career in entomology. The amount of the scholarship is \$2000. Scholarship funds are dispersed directly to the student to cover costs related to tuition and living expense. For all

information about the award and the application process, please visit: <https://www.entsoc.org/syseb/bioquip-undergraduate-scholarship>. Applications are due **Friday, June 5, 2020**.

You can see a full list of all our section awards here: <https://www.entsoc.org/syseb/awards>.

Please feel free to contact me or SysEB Awards Committee Chair Floyd Shockley (shockleyf@si.edu) if you have any questions.

2020 ESA Vice President-Elect Special Election

It is with great enthusiasm that the SysEB leadership council is writing you to endorse one of our own members, Dr. Jessica Ware, for the Entomological Society of America's vice president elect position! Jessica has been an active member of SysEB, giving her time, insight and vision to shaping our professional society. Please go online today to review the candidates in this important election, and read more about Dr. Ware's outstanding qualifications (more information is also provided below):

Dr. Jessica Ware is an Assistant Curator at the Division of Invertebrate Zoology at the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH). Dr. Ware's research centers on the evolution of behavioral and physiological adaptations in insects, with an emphasis on how these occur in Odonata (dragonflies and damselflies) and Dictyoptera (mainly termites and cockroaches). In particular, she uses phylogenomics and morphology tools to inform work on reproductive, social and flight behaviors in insects. Her research has been recognized through awards, and she was recently awarded a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) from the U.S.



government for her work on insect evolution. Jessica earned a B.Sc. from the University of British Columbia in Canada, and a Ph.D. from Rutgers - New Brunswick. Dr. Ware was an NSF postdoctoral fellow at the AMNH (2008-2010), and an Associate Professor of Evolutionary Biology at Rutgers - Newark (2010-2019).

Throughout her career, Dr. Ware has been committed to enhancing diversity, inclusion, and equity in science, and is especially passionate about science communication. Her commitment to ESA has led her to serve in multiple ways since becoming a member in 2004. Dr. Ware served as the President of Systematics, Evolution and Behavior section in 2014 and has served on several ad hoc committees including the membership task force, Awards and Fellowship Task Force, Publications Task force, Diversity & Inclusion committee, and Thomas Say awards committee. She now serves as an elected SysEB representative to the governing board of ESA. She currently serves on the Insect Systematics and Diversity editorial board, as well as the board of several non-ESA journals. Dr. Ware is currently President of the Worldwide Dragonfly Association, after serving as secretary for 4 years.

*Prepare to vote by May 6th, at 11:59 PM U.S. EDT **2020!**

2019 SysEB Business Meeting Minutes

Finally, the minutes of the final business meeting for SysEB can be found here:

<https://www.entsoc.org/syseb/archives>

Please provide the relevant line number(s) and your correction/clarification to the posted minutes from the 2019 SysEB business meeting by using this link:

https://und.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cYcSyC5r9XtFhMp

Be Well,

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