



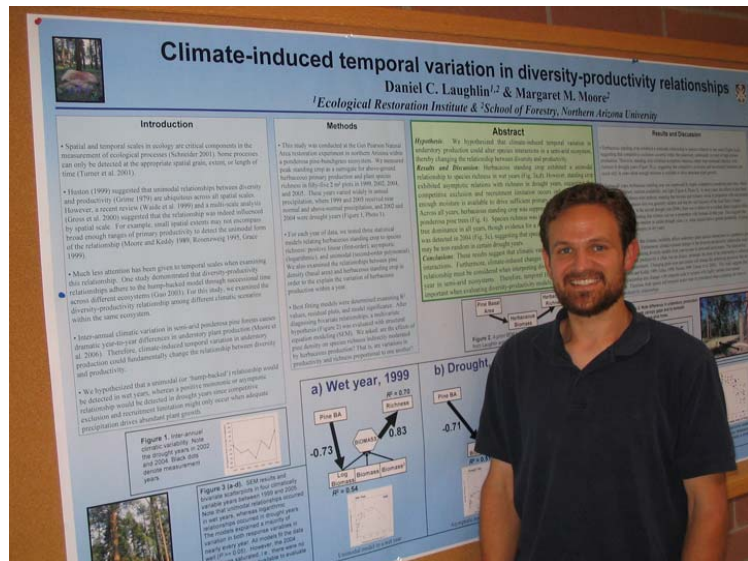
Daniel Laughlin, ERI Research Specialist, Receives the ESA’s E. Lucy Braun Award

Chuck Bullington, Website Manager and Coordinator

Daniel’s enthusiasm for science, and particularly for botany is infectious, but that’s not particularly news to us at the ERI. We’ve known for years that he can capture the attention of any audience, even on an esoteric subject, and with a style all his own. However, now Daniel’s colleagues at the Ecological Society of America (ESA) are joining us in our appreciation of his talents as a scientist, a communicator, a valuable colleague, and, if you have “the luck of the Irish,” a friend.

Daniel presented his poster, “Climate-induced temporal variation in diversity-productivity relationships” at ESA’s national meeting in Memphis, TN this past August. Daniel’s poster was based on some of his Ph.D. research on the understory dataset for the Gus Pearson Natural Area. ESA judges were impressed with his use of a long-term data set to evaluate plant productivity and diversity over time and, just as importantly, Daniel’s ability to communicate the results.

The ESA judges after viewing hundreds of posters, awarded Daniel the E. Lucy Braun Award for his poster presentation. With the award will come recognition by the president of ESA, an invitation to attend next year’s national meeting and some funds to help defray his costs of attending. In addition, Daniel’s poster and the article that appeared in the October 2006 Bulletin of the ESA (see following page) will be on display in the ESA booth at next year’s national meeting—a fine compliment for a fine person.



If you see Daniel, please congratulate him and, of course, ask him to explain what his poster was about. You will be in for quite a treat! If you don’t see Daniel, please send him an email: Daniel.Laughlin[at]nau.edu.

If you could keep voices like flowers
 There’d be shamrock all over the world
John Lennon, 1972, *The Luck of the Irish*