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Soil Science Society of America Announces 2014 Award Recipient

MADISON, WI, Aug 29, 2014 – The Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) announces the following 2014 award recipient to be formally presented at the SSSA Awards Ceremony on 2014-11-04 during the scientific society's International Annual Meeting, Nov. 2-5, 2014. The annual awards are presented for outstanding contributions to agronomy through education, national and international service, and research.



Michael E. Van Nuland, University of Tennessee - Knoxville, Knoxville, TN – Francis and Evelyn Clark Soil Biology Scholarship: Michael Van Nuland is a PhD student and NSF Graduate Research Fellow in the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department at the University of Tennessee. Michael received a B.S. in Biology from Seattle University in 2011. His research uses soil-plant linkages to understand how interactions between ecology and evolution drive plant responses to global change. To achieve this, he incorporates a diverse set of tools that cover evolutionary biology, soil and plant ecology, microbial ecology, and next-generation sequencing and bioinformatics.

Michael has authored and reviewed articles for several high profile journals, and has presented his work at local and national conferences. He is a member of the British Ecological Society and an active participant in their Plants-Soils-Ecosystems Group. Michael has been involved in multiple scientific outreach programs, is an advocate for open science, and is an ambassador for ReadCube software to promote the acceleration of scientific discovery.

Francis and Evelyn Clark Soil Biology Scholarship

The Francis and Evelyn Clark Soil Biology Scholarship was established to recognize the importance of soil biology and the understanding of soil, plant, and microbial interactions, and of nutrient cycling in terrestrial ecosystems. The scholarship is supported by a gift from Dr. and Mrs. Francis Clark to the Agronomic Science Foundation and administered by SSSA. In 2014, two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded.

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For more information on the 2014 awards, including award descriptions, visit: www.soils.org/awards/view.
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