

RFAC: Raney Fund Award Committee - A.M. Simons

The Raney Fund Award Committee included Kent Carpenter, Andrew Simons and Timothy Targett. Andrew Simons served as chair of the committee, this was his final year of service. Kent Carpenter has served on the committee for two years and will serve as chair in 2007. Timothy Targett has served one year on the committee, he will serve as chair in 2008.

The committee received 36 applications with many excellent proposals worthy of support. The committee had \$5,000 to award. In previous years the committee awarded \$1,000 to the top five applicants, this year we have two applicants tied at fifth place and thus decided to divide this equally among the top six applicants. These are listed below in alphabetical order.

Shannon C. DeVaney, Ph.D. student, The University of Kansas, sck@ku.edu,
“Molecular systematics of deep-sea dragonfishes and allies (Teleostei: Stomiiformes)”

Ron I. Eytan, Ph.D. student, Louisiana State University, reytan1@lsu.edu,
“Phylogenetic analysis of microhabitat differentiation and metabolic rate in the reef fish genus *Acantheblemaria*”

Lucy R. Harrison, Ph.D. student, Simon Fraser University, lucyh@sfu.ca, “Estrogens in the sea: Effects on sex-changing coral reef fishes”

Alison Mitchell, M.A. Student, University of Colorado at Boulder, alison.mitchell@colorado.edu, “Microhabitat use and niche overlap of native *Catostomus discolobus* (bluehead sucker) in sympatry and allopatry with non-native *Catostomus commersonii* (white sucker)”

Marina L. Ramon, Ph.D. Student, University of California, Santa Cruz, ramon@darwin.ucsc.edu, “Searching for adaptive genes using a global approach”

Catherine E. Wagner, Ph.D. student, Cornell University, cew35@cornell.edu, “Genetic and morphological diversification among Lake Tanganyikan endemics: Patterns of diversity in tropheine cichlids”

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Simons, Chair