



**BOTANICAL SOCIETY  
OF AMERICA, INC.**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
2005 BSA MERIT**

**AWARDS**



The BSA Merit Award is the Botanical Society of America's highest honor, granted for "outstanding contributions to botanical science," recognizing truly exceptional scientists in plant biology. Some past Merit Award recipients have gone on to win the Nobel Prize (George Beadle and Barbara McClintock), National Medal of Science (most recently, Peter Raven in 2000) or election to the prestigious US National Academy of Sciences (most recently, John Doebley in 2002). Awards for 2005 will be presented at the banquet of the Botanical Society of America at its annual meeting, BOTANY 2005, in Austin, Texas, on August 17, 2005.

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The selection of awardees is driven largely by nominations from the membership. Nominations should include:

1. A formal letter of nomination including a clear statement of
  - a. The notable accomplishments of the candidate;
  - b. Disciplines that have been significantly influenced by the contributions of the candidate;
  - c. A list of potential referees willing to prepare letters of support and evaluation regarding the nominee's candidacy, with complete contact information (postal address, phone and e-mail address); and
2. The curriculum vita of the candidate being considered.

The BSA Merit Award Committee requests that nominations are sent in one of the manners listed below. All nominating materials must arrive no later than March 1, 2005.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

**Dr. Allison Snow**, President  
Botanical Society of America

Nominations and all required materials may be mailed (4 printed copies are required if sending by mail) to the address listed below, **or sent via email as a complete .pdf file** to ([bsa-manager@botany.org](mailto:bsa-manager@botany.org)).

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