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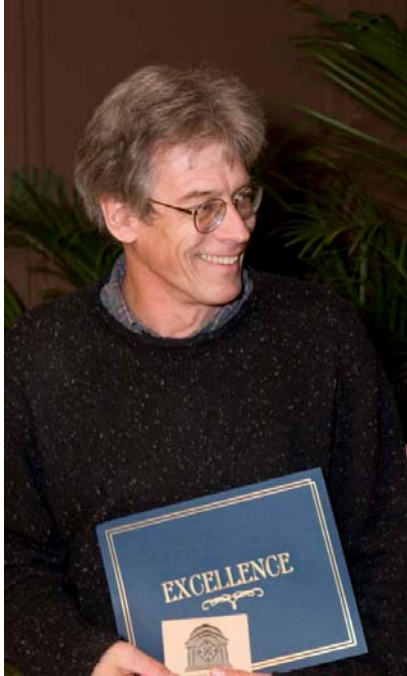


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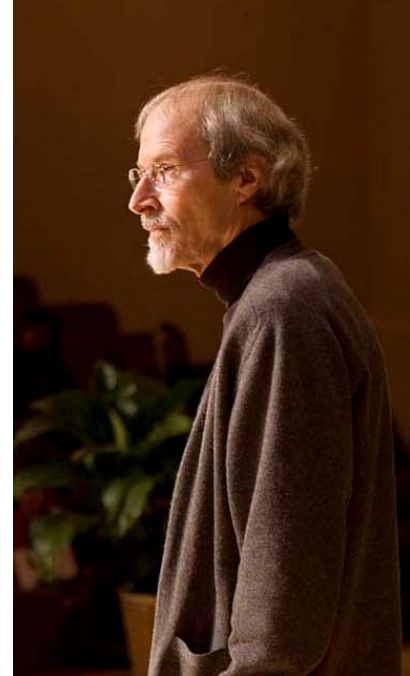
## 2005 NMNH Performance Award Recipients



**Jonathan Coddington**



**Ted Schultz**



**John Burns**



**Desmond Smith, Elaine Jamison**



**Vichai Malikul, Juanita Hall, Nit Malikul**



**Mary Jo Molineaux**

## Front Cover:

Shown are the award winners from the Department of Entomology during a recent, annual NMNH performance award ceremony. Lengths of service awards were presented to **Ted Schultz** (10 years), **Mary Jo Molineaux** (20 years), and **John Burns** (30 years).

Program text for the remaining winners is as follows:

"Leadership Award: This award goes to **Jonathan Coddington**. An arachnologist at heart, Jon accepted a temporary assignment to serve as Acting Chair of the Department of Zoology. During that time, he led a departmental-wide review of the newly formed entity, analyzing the structure and functions of the disparate units it comprised. It was a time-consuming and politically delicate task that eventually led to the recommendation that Invertebrate Zoology and Vertebrate Zoology be revived as separate departments. During the transition Jon continued to serve as Acting Chair of Invertebrate Zoology and in that role led a variety of innovative projects to bring information about the natural history collections to a variety of audiences both inside and outside the Museum."

"Team Award: This year's team award goes to the members of the Asian Pacific American Heritage Planning Committee which is chaired by **Vichai Malikul**. With self-raised funds, this committee organized the 2005 Asian Arts and Crafts Demonstration Day (founded by Vichai in 1986), as well as the Asian Performance Evening which was initiated in 2001. In addition to their jobs at the Museum, these dedicated team members worked year-round to produce programs and events to share the diversity, creativity, and beauty of Asian Pacific cultures with thousands of Museum visitors. Members of the committee include (in alphabetical order) Cindy Blekas, Junko Chinen, Jim DiLoreto, Margery Gordon, **Juanita Hall**, **Elaine B. Jamison**, Lola Lancaster, Michel Lee, **Phuangthong Malikul**, Kim Moeller, **Desmond Smith**, Barbara Watanabe, and Debbie Williams."

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The 1097<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the **Entomological Society**

of **Washington** will convene on January 05 at 7:00 pm in the Cathy Kerby Seminar Room at the National Museum of Natural History. Jason Hall will present the topic "Historical and Ecological Biogeography of the *Napaeina* Riodinid Butterflies."

## GENERAL NEWS:

Texas Tech University invites applications and nominations for **Prof. & Chair of Dept. of Plant & Soil Science** in College of Agricultural Science & Natural Resources. Successful candidate must have doctorate in agronomy, horticulture, botany, soil science, entomology, or closely related field; be recognized internationally; and qualify for tenure at rank of professor. Should have leadership and budgetary experience; be a visionary, motivator, communicator, team-builder, and mentor. Department is 1 of 6 in college and is composed of 21 faculty, 10 of which have joint appointments with Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and/or Texas Cooperative Extension and additional 34 adjunct faculty from industry and USDA. Department with 90 undergraduate and 52 graduate students (M.S. and Ph.D.), has established outstanding record in teaching, research and outreach. Full position description at <http://jobs.texas-tech.edu> (Requisition #60395). Online applications accepted at above URL with reference letters mailed to: Norman Hopper, College of Agric. Sci. & Natural Resources, TX Tech Univ., Lubbock, TX 79409-2123. Deadline January 06, 2006 or until suitable candidate is identified.

The University of California at Riverside is offering a position as **Assistant Professor** in the area of Insect Systematics. Position is available July 1, 2006, 9-month, 50% instruction and Research, 50% Agriculture Experiment Station. Appointment level and salary commensurate with experience. Ph.D. in Entomology or related discipline required. The successful candidate must have strong training and experience with modern methods applicable to systematic entomology. Preference will be given to candidates with an interest in systematics of groups considered important to applied entomology. A

program of research should be in accordance with Department and College strengths in agricultural entomology, biological control, evolution, or conservation biology. It is expected that the successful individual will build a strong extramurally fund independent research program, develop cooperative research with other faculty in the Department and College, and participate in the Department's teaching program. Send curriculum vitae, transcripts, statement of research interests, reprints, manuscripts in press, and the names and addresses of five referees by January 20, 2006, to: Dr. Richard Stouthamer, Search Committee Chair, Department of Entomology, University of California, 3401 Watkins Drive, Riverside, CA 92521; e-mail [Richard.stouthamer@ucr.edu](mailto:Richard.stouthamer@ucr.edu); phone (951)-827-2422. This position will remain opened until filled. Information about the Entomology Department and an expanded position description can be found on the website: <http://www.entomology.ucr.edu>.

An Asst./Assoc. Professor position in **Agronomy Entomology** is being offered at Clemson University. The Department of Entomology, Soils, & Plant Science seeks candidates for 12-month tenure-track Professor in entomology. Position at Pee Dee Research & Education Center (PDREC), Florence, SC. 75% extension, 25% research PDREC is part of Clemson's public service activities, including agricultural research and forestry systems and cooperative extension services. Selectee will establish externally-funded, nationally and internationally recognized research and extension programs pertaining strongly to field crops grown in Pee Dee region of South Carolina. Research program expected to complement extension program. Publishing in refereed journals, advising graduate students, and collaboration with colleagues vital components of position. Ph.D. in entomology with emphasis on insects of field crops or related fields required. For information, contact Don Manley, [dmanley@clemson.edu](mailto:dmanley@clemson.edu), 843-669-1912, ext. 231. Deadline for receiving applications is February 03, 2006 or until suitable candidate is found. Send letter describing extension and research philosophies, specific program goals, qualifications for position, CV, transcripts, and 3

reference letters to: Dr. Don Manley, Search Committee Chair, Pee Dee REC, Clemson University, 2200 Pocket Road, Florence SC 29506-9727.

**Charlie & Sue Staines** are some of the scientists featured in Scott Weidensaul's new book "Return to Wild America." Scott discusses their work with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park All Terrestrial Biodiversity Inventory.

**Warren Steiner** presented a program entitled "Madagascar Reflections" at the Annual Banquet of the Botanical Society of Washington on December 7. Most of his colleagues in the Department of Entomology were unaware that Warren had served during the past year as the President of the Botanical Society of Washington. Spanning two NMNH departments with expertise in both is unusual, yet not a surprise to Warren's co-workers. His devotion to fieldwork, particularly in the Western Hemisphere, is widely respected, and his detailed knowledge as a regional naturalist is unsurpassed.

## PUBLICATIONS BY STAFF:

Research papers by members of the combined entomological staff who are retired will be listed, and those will be preceded by a double asterisk.

Glassberg, J. & **Robbins, R. K.** 2005. Café con leche in a Mexican forest: a rare hairstreak makes a guest appearance in Mexico. *American Butterflies* 13: 47.

Chadee, D. D. and **Wilkerson, R. C.** 2005. *Anopheles triannulatus* (Neiva and Pinto): A new *Anopheles* record from Trinidad, West Indies. *J. Am. Mosq. Control Assoc.* 21:316-317.

**Wilkerson, R. C.**, Fostser, P. G., Li, C. and Sallum, M. A. M. 2005. Molecular phylogeny of Neotropical *Anopheles (Nyssoryhynchus) albitarsis* complex (Diptera; Culicidae). *Ann. Entomol. Soc. Am.* 98:918-925.

## **VISITORS:**

**Marjolaine Giroux** from McGill University (Lyman Museum), Canada, visited Norm Woodley and the Sarcophagidae Collection November 29-December 02.

**Staci Philpott** from the Migratory Bird Center at the Smithsonian's National Zoological Park visited Ted Schultz and the Ant Collection December 15-16 to discuss the ants of Sumatra and Chiapas.

**John Reese** from Kansas State University visited Gary Hevel and the Coleoptera Collection on December 13.

**Carl Rettenmeyer** from the University of Connecticut visited Ted Schultz and the Ant Collection on December 16 to show a DVD on the behavior of Army Ants.

**Eli Sarnat** from the University of California at Davis visited Ted Schultz and the Ant Collection November 21-22 for research on the ants of Fiji.

**Pichai Sonchaeng** from the National Science Museum in Pathumthani, Thailand visited David Furth on December 10 for a tour and discussion of the entomology collections.

## **TRAVEL BY STAFF:**

After the Entomological Society of America meetings, **Terry Erwin** traveled directly to Peru, where he will be conducting entomological work until January 05.