

## Elena Craft Receives 2002 SBRP Karen Wetterhahn Memorial Award

The Superfund Basic Research Program (SBRP) is pleased to announce that Elena Craft is the recipient of the fifth annual Karen Wetterhahn Memorial Award. The award was presented to Craft on 5 November 2002 at the SBRP Annual Meeting in Tucson, Arizona.

This award is given each year to an outstanding scholar to pay tribute to the life and scientific accomplishments of Karen E. Wetterhahn, former director of the SBRP at Dartmouth College. Wetterhahn died 8 July 1997 as the result of an accidental exposure to dimethylmercury. She was an established authority on the effects of heavy metals on biological systems, as well as a dedicated teacher and mentor.

Craft is in the third year of her Ph.D. training at the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University, where she is participating in the Integrated Toxicology Program with a focus on metal toxicity. She earned the award based on her research excellence in the characterization of metal-responsive signal transduction pathways and the determination of the precise mechanism by which metals activate metal-responsive transcription factors. The model she is developing will have direct applicability in determining mechanisms by which metals induce intracellular toxicity, disrupt normal development, and induce cancer.

The NIEHS congratulates Craft on her research accomplishments and wishes her continued success in her scientific career.

