

**The Merritt Lyndon Fernald Award
For Best Paper published in *Rhodora*
Volume 106, 2004**

presented to
Walter S. Judd and Darin S. Penneys
for their paper entitled "Taxonomic studies in the Miconieae
(Melastomataceae). VIII. A revision of the species in the *Miconia desportesii*
complex on Hispaniola"

This year's recipients of the New England Botanical Club's Merritt Lyndon Fernald Award are Walter S. Judd and Darin S. Penneys for their paper in *Rhodora* 106: 124-147, 2004. The Award Committee chose this as an excellent example of a classical taxonomic revision, treating a species group that, except for one species, is endemic to Hispaniola. The authors have synthesized their knowledge of the plants in the herbarium and in the field to provide a clear and concise revision of a species group in an important, mostly tropical family. The paper includes a key to species, and then for each species a complete description, nomenclature and synonymy, an illustration and distribution map, information on distribution and ecology, and specimen citations. The committee felt that this paper represented an outstanding example of what *Rhodora* has stood for, for much of its history.

**The New England Botanical Club
Graduate Student Research Awards**

2005 AWARD WINNERS

David Ellum of Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies for his proposal entitled "Acclimation of shade-adapted understory herbs to seasonal canopy disturbances: incorporating physiology into plant conservation strategies for managed forests of southern New England."

David Hewitt of the Harvard University Farlow Herbarium for his proposal "Species delimitations of the ascomycete genus *Neolecta* in New England based on ITS sequence comparison."

Sara Scanga of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry for her proposal "The effects of demography and the abiotic environment on the rarity and persistence of a critically imperiled wetland wildflower, *Trollius laxus* (Ranunculaceae)."

Abstracts may be read at:

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