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Mark Johnston Receives Genetics Society of America Beadle Award

The Genetics Society of America is pleased to announce Mark Johnston, Ph.D., Washington University School of Medicine, as the 2008 recipient of the George W. Beadle Award. The award, named after the 1946 GSA president and 1958 Nobel Prize recipient, is given to honor someone who has made outstanding contributions to the community of genetics researchers.

Dr. Johnston, who in 2004 followed in George Beadle's footsteps and served as GSA president, is an active member of the Society, serving as an associate editor of the Society's journal, *GENETICS*, since 1992; instrumental in developing the Society's newsletter, *GENETICS* in 2004; and in 2006 organizing the first GENETIC ANALYSIS: Model Organisms to Human Biology meeting sponsored by GSA. A geneticist whose work encompasses yeast genomics, glucose sensing and comparative and functional sequence analysis, Dr. Johnston is also a member of other scientific societies and serves on editorial boards for *Yeast*, *Eukaryotic Cell* and *Functional and Integrative Genomics*.

Dr. Johnston will receive his award at the second GENETIC ANALYSIS: Model Organisms to Human Biology meeting, January 5-8, 2008 in San Diego, California.

The Genetics Society of America is a membership society representing nearly 5,000 scientists and educators in the field of genetics. The Society promotes communication of advances in genetics through its journal, *GENETICS* and by sponsoring scientific meetings focused on key organisms widely used in genetic research including *Drosophila*, yeast, *C. elegans*, *Chlamydomonas*, fungal genetics and zebra fish. The Society's newest meeting, Genetic Analysis: Model Organisms to Human Biology enables investigators working on model organisms and those working in human genetics to communicate and exchange ideas in genetic research.

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