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## **Scott Hawley Receives GSA Award for Excellence in Education**

The Genetics Society of America is pleased to announce that R. Scott Hawley, Ph.D., Stowers Institute for Medical Research, Kansas City, MO, is the recipient of the 2008 GSA Award for Excellence in Education. Besides being a leader in the field of *Drosophila* meiosis and chromosome behavior, Dr. Hawley is known within the *Drosophila* community as being a selfless contributor to education both within and outside the scientific community.

Dr. Hawley is a long-time editor of the GSA journal, *GENETICS*, a contributor to the GSA newsletter, *GENetics*, and has served as a director on the GSA governing board. He has been and continues to be a mentor to many young researchers who are interested in meiosis. He is a co-founder of the Meiosis Gordon Conference, one of the most important meetings within the meiosis field, and an enthusiastic and committed teacher of undergraduate students at the University of Kansas in Edwards and the University of Missouri, Kansas City. The author or co-author of several genetics textbooks Dr. Hawley also serves on several editorial boards, including PLoS and the Faculty of 1000.

Dr. Hawley will receive his award at the GSA-sponsored GENETIC ANALYSIS: Model Organisms to Human Biology Meeting on Monday, January 7, in San Diego, California.

The GSA Award for Excellence in Education recognizes those who have a significant, sustained impact on genetics education from kindergarten through postgraduate school. Recipients of this award promote greater exposure to and deeper understanding of genetics through distinguished teaching, mentoring, development of innovative pedagogical approaches or tools, design of new course or curricula, national leadership, and public outreach.

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 model organisms used in genetic research including *Drosophila*, yeast, *C. elegans*, *Chlamydomonas*, fungal genetics and zebrafish. The Society's newest meeting, Genetic Analysis: Model Organisms to Human Biology enables model organism investigators and those working in human genetics to communicate and exchange ideas in genetic research.

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