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### Charles E. Bessey Award

*Great Plains Research* is pleased to announce the winners of the Charles E. Bessey Award for the best paper in natural sciences published during the volume year of 2007 are Stephen A. Wolfe, Chris H. Hugenholtz, Christopher P. Evans, D.J. Huntley, and Jeff Ollerhead, for their paper, "Potential Aboriginal-Occupation-Induced Dune Activity, Elbow Sand Hills, Northern Great Plains, Canada," *Great Plains Research* 17 (Fall 2007):173-92. The annual award includes a cash prize of \$250.

Wolfe is a research scientist with the Geological Survey of Canada division of Natural Resources Canada.

### Leslie Hewes Award

The winner of the Leslie Hewes Award for the best paper in social sciences published in *Great Plains Research* during the volume year 2007 is "Population Characteristics and Health Service Use by Latino Immigrants to Southwest Missouri" by Suzanne Walker-Pacheco, Susan Dollar, and Ravindra G. Amonker, *Great Plains Research* 17 (Spring 2007):87-100. This annual award also includes a cash prize of \$250.

Walker-Pacheco is associate professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology at Missouri State University, Springfield.

### Symposium Announcement

"Celebrating Darwin's Legacy" is the title of the 35th Interdisciplinary Symposium sponsored by the Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, to be held in 2009. A series of events and activities will commemorate the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of *The Origin of Species* beginning February 13 with a lecture by George Levine (author of *Darwin Loves You: Natural Selection and the Re-enchantment of the World*, Princeton University Press, 2006) followed a month later by three days of presentations, March 26-28, at the Nebraska Union on the UNL campus. Co-chairs of the symposium are Judy Diamond, Professor of the University Museum, and Alan Kamil, Director of the School of Biological Sciences, both at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Paul A. Johnsgard, Professor emeritus of Biological Sciences at UNL, is guest curator for a special exhibition of photographs, paintings, and drawings called, *Homage to Charles Darwin*, which will be on shown at the Great Plains Art Museum, February 10 to March 30, 2009.

Daniel Leger, Professor of Psychology at UNL, and Diamond are planning curriculum presentations for Lincoln-area middle and high school science teachers.

Watch for more information on the following website: [www.unl.edu/plains](http://www.unl.edu/plains).