

# 2002 Awards

Note: This was the second year that the first place winners for the predoctoral and postdoctoral competitions were sponsored by Monsanto Corporation.

## Predoctoral Awards:

- \* First Place: Chris D. Toscano  
Title: Environmental enrichment reverses cognitive deficits induced by lead.  
Tom Guilarte, advisor
- \* Second Place: Ming K. Chen  
Title: Increased expression of peripheral benzodiazepine receptors in the mouse brain following cuprizone-induced demyelination..  
Tom Guilarte, advisor
- \* Third Place: Dan T. Wilson  
Title: Effects of methylmercury exposure on expression of EPHS and ephrins in embryonal carcinoma cells.  
Ken Reuhl, advisor



Chris Toscano (1st place)



Ming Chen (2nd place)

Picture not available  
Dan Wilson  
(3rd place)

## Postdoctoral Awards:

- \* First Place: Dr. Miriam B. Virgolini  
Title: Assessing the role of the dorsal subiculum/nucleus accumbens pathway in Pb-induced changes in fixed interval (FI) performance.  
Dr. D.A. Cory-Slechta, advisor
- \* Second Place: Dr. Jeffrey S. Gillette  
Title: Modulation of murine striatal dopamine transporter expression by the pyrethroid insecticide permethrin.  
Jeff Bloomquist, advisor
- \* Third Place: Dr. Riyaz B. Mahammad  
Title: PCB-induced changes in the DNA-binding of several transcription factors in the developing cerebellum.  
Nasser Zawia, advisor



Miriam Virgolini (1st place)

Picture not available  
Jeff Gillette (2nd place)



Riyaz Mahammad (3rd place)