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## Crop Science Society of America Announces 2014 Award Recipient

MADISON, WI, Jul 15, 2014 – The Crop Science Society of America (CSSA) announces the following 2014 award recipient to be formally presented at the CSSA Awards Ceremony on 2014-11-03 during the scientific society's International Annual Meeting, Nov. 2-5, 2014. The annual awards are presented for outstanding contributions to agronomy through education, national and international service, and research.



Steven J. Keeley, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS – Crop Science Teaching Award: Steve Keeley is a professor in the Department of Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation Resources at Kansas State University, holding an 80% teaching/20% research appointment. Dr. Keeley earned his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Colorado State University, and his M.S. from Michigan State University. His research interests are in turfgrass stress management and weed control. He has published over 150 articles, reports and abstracts on his research, including 26 peer-reviewed articles. He teaches introductory and advanced courses in horticulture and turfgrass management, and advises students in K-State's nationally acclaimed golf course management program. Along with CSSA, he has been recognized for excellence in teaching by the College of Agriculture at K-State, and by the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA). He is a senior editor for the journal Applied Turfgrass Science, and is on the editorial review board of NACTA Journal.

## Crop Science Teaching Award

The focus of this award is on traits that characterize excellence in resident classroom teaching of crop science at the undergraduate and graduate level. The award consists of a certificate and \$1000 honorarium.

## Evaluation:

Classroom skills as evidenced by peer and student evaluations

Innovative or unique approaches to encourage learning by students

Performance by graduates in areas related to the teaching activities of the nominee

Student-teacher interactions as evidenced by student and peer evaluations and by motivation and maturation of students

Recognition of accomplishments as a classroom teacher evidenced by department, college, university, or other professional groups awards

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For more information on the 2014 awards, including award descriptions, visit: <a href="www.crops.org/awards/view">www.crops.org/awards/view</a>. or contact Sara Uttech, Senior Manager-Governance & Membership, 608-268-4948, suttech@sciencesocieties.org. For more information on the Societies' Annual Meetings, visit: <a href="www.acsmeetings.org">www.acsmeetings.org</a>.