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Soil Science Society of America Announces 2016 Award Recipient

MADISON, WI, Aug 01, 2016 – The Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) announces the following 2016 award recipient to be formally presented at the SSSA Awards Ceremony on 2016-11-07 during the scientific society's Annual Meeting, Nov 6-9, Phoenix, AZ - Sheraton Grand Phoenix Ballroom C. The annual awards are presented for outstanding contributions to agronomy through education, national and international service, and research.



Janice E. Thies, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY – SSSA Fellow: Janice Thies is the International Professor of Soil Ecology and a Fellow in the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. Dr. Thies received her B.Sc. from the University of Washington and her M.Sc. and Ph.D. from the University of Hawaii. She is an internationally recognized authority on soil microbial processes and plant-microbe interactions that affect soil health, crop productivity and environmental quality. Dr. Thies has authored 75 peer-reviewed publications and 16 book chapters. She is a passionate teacher of soil ecology in university, community and international programs. In addition to her work at Cornell University, she is active in the Soil Science Society of America and the American Society of Agronomy and is a guest professor at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China. Thies has served on numerous national scientific advisory and grant panels. She is frequently invited to present her research at national and international conferences.

SSSA Fellow

Fellow is the highest recognition bestowed by the Soil Science Society of America. Members of the Society nominate worthy colleagues based on their professional achievements and meritorious service. Up to 0.3 percent of the Society's active and emeritus members may be elected Fellow.

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