



NORTH AMERICAN SECTION

2015 George C. Eickwort Student Research Award

GENERAL STATEMENT

This award is given annually by the NAS/IUSSI in memory of George Eickwort. The award recognizes exceptional research and scholarly activity by a senior graduate student or recent PhD recipient in the field of social insect biology. The award consists of a certificate, an honorarium, and a one-year subscription to *Insectes Sociaux*. This year's NAS/IUSSI Awards Committee consisted of Terry McGlynn (chair), Michele Lanan and Stephen Pratt.

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

The committee is pleased to announce that **Dr. Sabrina Amador Vargas** is the recipient of the 2015 Eickwort award. Sabrina received her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, working under the advisement of Dr. Ulrich Mueller. Her research integrates the ecology, behavior and neurobiology of ants. She developed her own line of research on the biology of *Pseudomyrmex* ants that inhabit the Acacia trees, using extensive field experiments to understand neuroethological mechanisms of the division of labor. Dr. Amador is particularly Eickwortian in her research originality, breadth, zeal for natural history and creative inquiry, love of teaching, and mentorship of junior scientists.