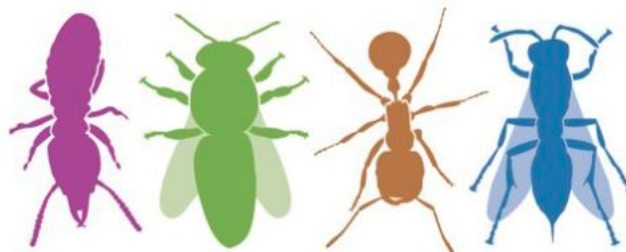


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The **Robert L. and Louise B. Jeanne Social Wasp Research Grant** supports graduate student research on any aspect of the basic biology of social wasps. It is given annually to a student whose proposed research shows the greatest potential to make a substantive contribution to our understanding of social wasps.

The 2024 winner of the Jeanne Grant is **Garrett Behrend**, who will receive a \$2,500 grant to support his research. Garrett is currently a Ph.D. student at the University of Missouri – St. Louis (UMSL) under the direction of Dr. Sara Miller. The title of Garrett's project is "Urbanization influence on the diet and nesting success of St. Louis paper wasps (Genus: Polistes)". In this project, Garrett proposes to study the diet and parasitism levels of four sympatric paper wasps in urban and suburban areas of St. Louis. Because paper wasps make important contributions to pest control and pollination, and one of the four species is invasive, this study will illuminate the ecological roles these important predators play, and how those roles vary across an urban-suburban gradient. The Awards Committee wishes to recognize Garrett's compelling proposal, which promises to make key contributions to our understanding of paper wasp ecology and invasion biology.

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