
Incoming BSA President's Talk
Wednesday Afternoon
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Plant Evolution in a Human-altered World

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Loren's work has been recognized by MacArthur and Guggenheim Fellowships, the David Starr Jordan Prize, Stebbins Medal, and the Darwin-Wallace Medal. He is an elected fellow of the Royal Societies of London and Canada, the Norwegian Academy of Arts and Letters, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is Past-President of the American Genetics Association, President-Elect of the Botanical Society of America, and Chief Editor of *Molecular Ecology* (since 1999).