

## 2017 Honorary Award Winners

### **MSA Fellows: N. Louise Glass and P. Brandon Matheny**

*MSA Fellows are selected from members who have completed at least 11 years of service after their Ph.D. They are members who are outstanding mycologists on the basis of one or more criteria: a solid record of mycological research, and/or successful teaching and development of teaching materials for mycology, and/or significant service to the Society. This is meant to recognize a core group of mid-career mycological achievers and outstanding MSA volunteers.*

#### **Dr. N. Louise Glass**



Dr. Glass is Professor in the Plant and Microbial Biology Department of the University of California, Berkeley, and Director of the Division of Environmental Genomics and Systems Biology, at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. She received a PhD from the University of California, Davis, and has performed pioneering research in molecular genetics of *Neurospora*, including genetics of mating, non-self recognition, mechanisms of cell-cell fusion, and lignocellulose decomposition. She is the author of over 100 research articles and 27 review papers. Dr. Glass has trained many young

scientists; currently, her group includes five postdoctoral fellows and five PhD students. Dr. Glass has served the MSA as a member of the Council, Awards Committee, and Editorial Board of *Mycologia*, and she has also delivered the annual Karling Lecture. She also performs extensive service for other journals and organizations and has been recognized as a Fellow of the AAAS and the American Society of Microbiology (among other awards).

### **Dr. P. Brandon Matheny**



Dr. Matheny is Associate Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He has particular interests in systematics of mushrooms, including fieldwork and taxonomy, molecular phylogenetics, and comparative methods. He is a world expert on the difficult genus *Inocybe*, and Agaricales in general. Dr. Matheny has published over 80 peer-reviewed articles, including work that helped establish RNA polymerase genes as major markers in fungal systematics. He has received the MSA Graduate Fellowship, Graduate Student Research Prize, and Martin-Baker Award. Dr. Matheny has served the MSA as a member of the Education Committee, Biodiversity Committee, and the Editorial Board of *Mycologia*. He received two teaching awards during his doctoral

work at the University of Washington and has continued his excellence in mentoring at the University of Tennessee, as documented by the numerous students seeking to join his lab. Dr. Matheny is active in service and outreach, including presentations to amateur mycology clubs and consultation to poison centers.

### **MSA Honorary Member: Dr. Brenda Wingfield**

*Honorary members are distinguished senior scientists with a long record of significant contributions to the science of fungal biology and who reside in and work in countries other than the U.S. and Canada.*

### **Dr. Brenda Wingfield**



Dr. Wingfield is Professor of Genetics at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. Her specialties include fungal evolutionary genetics, with particular interests in systematics, population biology, and molecular diagnostics of plant pathogenic fungi, as well as fungal viruses, genomics, and other subjects. Dr. Wingfield has been a tremendously productive and influential researcher. She has published over 350 peer-reviewed articles and thirteen chapters and conference proceedings. Dr. Wingfield has invested a tremendous amount of energy into mentoring graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. She has served in advisory capacity for about 46 honors students, 52 Master's students, 56 PhD students, and 20 postdoctoral fellows. In recent years, she has served as Deputy Dean and Acting Dean of the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural

Sciences of the University of Pretoria. In this capacity she has worked to provide training opportunities for South African students in diverse aspects of natural science. Dr. Wingfield received a Master's degree from the University of Minnesota and a PhD from the University Stellenbosch. She has been highly engaged with the MSA and the international mycological community ever since. She has been invited to give numerous lectures at international conferences and she has received multiple awards, including the Christiaan Hendrik Persoon Medal from the Southern African Society for Plant Pathology. She is currently the Executive Secretary General of the International Society of Plant Pathology, and serves on the Editorial Board of Fungal Biology.

**Honorary Awards Committee:** David Hibbett, Chair; D. Jean Lodge; Kerry O'Donnell; Mary Berbee, ex officio, Past Chair