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## NEWS RELEASE

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## Soil Science Society of America Announces 2015 Award Recipient

MADISON, WI, Jun 11, 2015 – The Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) announces the following 2015 award recipient to be formally presented at the SSSA Awards Ceremony on 2015-11-18 during the scientific society's International Annual Meeting, Nov. 15-18, 2015, Minneapolis, MN. The annual awards are presented for outstanding contributions to agronomy through education, national and international service, and research.



Colby James Moorberg, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS – Emil Truog Soil Science Award: Colby Moorberg is an assistant professor of soil science in the Department of Agronomy at Kansas State University. He completed his PhD in Soil Science in 2014 at North Carolina State University. His dissertation was entitled "Dynamics of P Release from Wetlands Restored on Agricultural Land". That research examined the potential mechanisms of phosphorus dissolution following restoration of wetlands on previously farmed land, and the potential impacts of phosphorus export from restored Carolina Bay wetlands on surface water quality.

Colby is active in the Soil Science Society of America, the American Society of Agronomy, and the Soil and Water Conservation Society. His current research program continues to focus on root imaging and analysis and soil-root interactions with ongoing projects in both Kansas and Alaska. In addition to his research, Colby teaches introductory soil science, soil and water conservation, and methods in root and rhizosphere analysis.

### Emil Truog Soil Science Award

The Emil Truog Award is designed to recognize a recent Ph.D. degree recipient who has made an outstanding contribution to soil science as evidenced by his/her Ph.D. thesis or dissertation. This award is supported through funds from the Emil Truog estate. The award consists of a certificate and \$3000 honorarium.

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For more information on the 2015 awards, including award descriptions, visit: [www.soils.org/awards/view](http://www.soils.org/awards/view).

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