

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALEOBOTANICAL SECTION
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The Paleobotanical Section's program at Botany 2019 in Tucson, AZ, consisted of 43 oral presentations and 5 posters, including 17 presentations by students in competition for the Cookson or Moseley awards. The 2019 winner of the Cookson Award was Fecundo DeBeneditti for his paper "Late Cretaceous heterosporous water ferns from Patagonia: assessing monomegaspory." with coauthors Maria Zamaloa, Maria Gandolfo, and Ruben Cuneo. The Moseley Award went to Katie Nolan, for her contribution entitled: "Comparative morphology of the dimorphic leaf glands in carnivorous butterworts (*Pinguicula L.*)" with coauthors Kylie Bocklund, Tianying Lan, Crystal Tomlin, Michael Todd, Victor Albert, and Tanya Renner.

In Tucson, the Paleo Section also contributed funds for a colloquium "Donald J. Pinkava's Legacy: the ASU herbarium in the Sonoran Desert" organized by Kathleen Pigg.

The Paleobotanical Section membership looks forward to an interesting and exciting virtual meeting in 2020. Our contributed Section talks include 21 talks and 9 posters, and 10 student talks for the Cookson and Moseley awards (three of which have unfortunately been cancelled).

Although the traditional Paleobotany mixer and banquet cannot be held this year, we will be holding a virtual get together on the evening of Monday, July 27th. The Paleobotanical Section Business Meeting will occur on Thursday, July 30th at 5:00 PM Eastern Time, presided over by our Chairperson Nathan Jud.

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