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*Dear Colleagues,*

*In 1991, with the approval of the Drosophila neurobiology community, we established a lecture to the memory of Tom Elkins, a student and colleague of ours who was killed tragically by a drunk driver. Numerous members of the community made generous financial contributions to raise an endowment to fund this lecture. Our aim is to award the honor of presenting this lecture to a student who has conducted the most original and significant research in Drosophila neurobiology during the previous two years. The expenses of attending the CSH Drosophila meeting to present the lecture will be fully reimbursed. Previous Elkins lecturers were William Zagotta (1991), Ilaria Rebay (1993), Troy Littleton (1995), Hongkui Zeng (1997), Peter Clyne (1999), Julie Simpson (2001), Greg Jefferis (2003) and Mathias Wernet (2005).*

*We solicit your help in identifying outstanding students as candidates to present the eighth Elkins lecture at the Drosophila neurobiology meeting, which will be held in October 2007.*

*Graduate students working in any area of Drosophila neurobiology are eligible. Suitable candidates should be nominated by their thesis advisor on the basis of work that was carried out or completed since the last Cold Spring Harbor meeting in October 2005. The nomination letter outlining the qualifications of the candidate and the significance of the research, a C. V., and copies of relevant reprints or manuscripts should be mailed together to the address below by July 14, 2007. We will notify the recipient of the honor by the first week of September.*

*Thank you for your help in ensuring that this lecture will be an ongoing recognition of the outstanding young members of our field as well as a lasting memorial to Tom Elkins.*

*To ensure as widespread distribution of this notice as possible, please share it with your colleagues and post copies of it on relevant departmental bulletin boards etc.*

*Sincerely,*

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Nominations to:  
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