



IALE - NORTH AMERICA

Monthly Update: September 2024

Hello! from the President

Greetings, fellow landscape ecologists! I am excited to share with you a few great things:

- Big congratulations to Dr. Robert Fletcher, Dr. Anne Kuhn-Hines, the Center for Large Landscape Conservation, and La Sorte et al. (2023) for the very prestigious awards they received from IALE-NA!
- You are cordially invited to attend the 2025 IALE-NA annual meeting in Raleigh, NC, presenting your work, getting to know and interacting with other landscape ecologists, and exploring the “City of Oaks”.

[Li An](#), President, IALE-North America | 2024-2026

Highlights

Congratulations to our [2024 Distinguished and Outstanding Paper award](#) recipients! Nominations for these awards are solicited annually from the membership.



Distinguished Landscape Ecologist: Dr. Robert Fletcher, University of Cambridge
Recognizes individuals whose thinking, writing, leadership, and mentorship have helped to shape the field of landscape ecology.

Distinguished Landscape Practitioner: Center for Large Landscape Conservation
Recognizes application of landscape ecology principles to real-world problems.



Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Anne Kuhn-Hines, US Environmental Protection Agency
Recognizes exceptional service to IALE-North America

Outstanding Paper Award: La Sorte, F.A., J.A.G. Clark, C.A. Lepczyk, and M.F.J. Aronson. 2023. [Collections of small urban parks consistently support higher species richness but not higher phylogenetic or functional diversity](#). *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences* 290: 20231424.

The Awards Committee will send out a formal call for 2025 nominations soon. Nominations also can be made at any time by contacting Emily Minor (eminor@uic.edu).

IALE-North America Annual Meeting: 13-17 April 2025

Join us for the 2025 IALE-North America annual meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina, consistently ranked as one of the best cities to live in the U.S. The meeting will be at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel, within walking distance of the largest natural history museum in the Southeast. The theme is *Landscapes of change: dynamic interactions between nature and people*, exploring ongoing tension between development and conservation in a region known for its rich biodiversity. A detailed website and call for organized sessions and workshops will be available later this month.

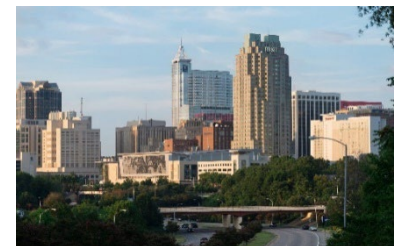


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