

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALEOBOTANICAL SECTION
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The Paleobotanical Section's program at Botany 2020, Virtual, consisted of 21 oral presentations (2 cancellations) and 9 posters, including 10 presentations (3 cancellations) by students in competition for the Cookson or Moseley awards. The 2020 winner of the Cookson Award was Keana Tang be awarded the Cookson Award for: "Cunoniaceae from the Late Cretaceous of North America and its paleobiogeographic implications" with coauthors Brian Atkinson and Selena Smith. The Moseley Award went to Aleca Borsuk for: "Structural organization of the spongy mesophyll in laminar leaves with reticulate venation" with collaborators Adam Roddy, Guillaume Theroux-Rancourt, and Craig Broderson.

The Paleobotanical Section membership looks forward to another great virtual meeting in 2021. Our contributed Section talks include 52 talks, 12 of which are student talks for the Cookson and Moseley awards, and 7 posters. Tuesday's section talks are in honor of Fran Hueber, a Devonian paleontologist and curator at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution who passed away in 2019.

After the success of last year's virtual mixer, the section will again be holding a virtual get together on the evening of Monday, July 19th. The Paleobotanical Section Business Meeting will occur on Thursday, July 22th at 5:00 PM Eastern Time, presided over by our Chairperson Michael Dunn.

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