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FASEB ANNOUNCES WINNER OF THE 2008 FASEB DIVERSITY AWARD

Bethesda, MD – The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) is pleased to announce that Adriana Briscoe, Ph.D., has been awarded the 2008 FASEB Diversity Award. The FASEB Diversity Award recognizes outstanding achievement by an early stage life scientist from an underrepresented minority group. Briscoe, a member of The American Physiological Society, will present a lecture at the Experimental Biology 2009 meeting, to be held in New Orleans, April 18-22, 2009. She will also receive complimentary registration to the conference, travel expenses and hotel. As winner of this award, Dr. Briscoe has also received a \$10,000 unrestricted research grant funded by the Burroughs Wellcome Fund.

Dr. Briscoe is an internationally recognized expert in the biology and evolution of color vision in butterflies. Her research areas include photoreceptor cell evolution, rhodopsin physiology, color and polarization vision, molecular evolution, functional genomics and behavior. She earned a B.S. in biological sciences with honors and a B.A. and M.A. in philosophy with honors from Stanford University in 1993, and a Ph.D. in biology from Harvard University in 1999 supported by a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Predoctoral Fellowship. She was a Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. She joined the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California, Irvine in 2002 as an Assistant Professor and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2007.

Dr. Briscoe has authored 28 publications and serves as Associate Editor to *Molecular Biology and Evolution*, Oxford University Press, and *ad hoc* reviewer for numerous other journals and scientific review groups. She has given over 40 invited lectures. Her research has attracted significant attention. Several of her papers were reviewed in the Faculty of 1000 Biology, with others receiving commentaries in the scientific and/or lay press including features in *The Scientist*, a research profile in *Science* in 2005, coverage by *The Los Angeles Times*, National Public Radio and television news stations. Her paper on the evolution of the visual system of lycaenid butterflies was selected as paper of the year in 2006 by the *Journal of Experimental Biology*. Her work has been supported by grants from the National Science Foundation.

For more information, please visit The FASEB Diversity Award website:
<http://www.faseb.org/diversityaward/>.

FASEB is composed of 21 societies with more than 80,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB enhances the ability of biomedical and life scientists to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. FASEB's mission is to advance biological science through collaborative advocacy for research policies that promote scientific progress and education and lead to improvements in human health.