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## Russell Thomas Receives 2009 Achievement Award from SOT

Reston, VA (March 15, 2009) – Russell Thomas, Director of the Center for Genomic Biology and Bioinformatics and Senior Investigator at the Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences in Durham's Research Triangle Park, has received the 2009 Achievement Award from the Society of Toxicology.

The award honors a member of the society who has less than 15 years experience since obtaining his highest earned degree, and who has made significant contributions to the field of toxicology.

Thomas' research at the Hamner focuses on how cellular processes are altered when an organism is exposed to chemicals or drugs – the metabolic responses of animals and human patients to disease, and the desirable and adverse effects of drugs and chemicals.

The Society of Toxicology is a scientific not-for-profit organization for professionals from around the world who are involved in toxicology. With more than 6,000 members, the Society is working to build the future of toxicology and is dedicated to increasing the scientific impact of toxicology, advocating the value of toxicology and increasing the visibility of the organization and members as scientific leaders. For additional information about the 2009 Annual Meeting and ToxExpo visit, <http://www.toxicology.org/ai/meet/am2009/>.

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