

# Public Policy Board Welcomes Second Early Career Intern, Angela Records



*Angela Records*

The APS Public Policy Board (PPB) welcomes **Angela Records**, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Plant Pathology & Microbiology at Texas A&M University (TAMU), as the second PPB early career intern. A native of Texas who grew up in Las Vegas, NV,

Records did her undergraduate work in biology at Baylor University and her M.S. work in biological sciences with **James Alfano** at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. At TAMU, she is working in the laboratory of **Dennis Gross**. In addition, she is a member of the TAMU Graduate Women in Science, serves as president of the Plant Pathology Graduate Student Association, is a mentor in the Aggie Women in Leadership, and was an invited participant in the Aggie Leadership Conference.

Records has been a member of APS since 2003, serving on the APS Bacteriology Committee, the APS Foundation (*ex officio*), and the APS Graduate Student Committee (chairing the latter in 2005–2006). She has been awarded the APS Council Award (2007), the APS I.E. Melhus Award (2006), and the TAMU Plant Pathology Graduate Student Excellence Award (2005). She also is a member of the American Society for Microbiology.

Because of her interest in working with students, our newest PPB intern aspires to be a university faculty member—but one with a voice in public policy. Issues of climate change and global warming have captured Records' interest, and she hopes to be in a professional position in which she can become involved in developing reasonable policies to manage such issues. During her internship experience, Records will focus on PPB priority initiatives in microbial genomics and plant pathology education; lessons learned and experience on the board will be applicable in her later efforts related to the environment. Records' goal was well-articulated in her application letter: "I would like to better understand the legislative system so that I may one day serve as a liaison between scientists and lawmakers." During the coming year, Records will join the monthly PPB conference calls and participate in the annual spring meeting trip to Washington, DC, where she will assist the PPB in bringing issues of high APS priority to the attention of federal agency administrators and congressional staff. ■