



Steve Rosenzweig received the Future Leaders in Science Award from the Soil Science Society of America, the Agronomy Society of America, and the Crop Science Society of America. This award supported Steve's participation in the 2017 Congressional Visits Day, an annual event held in Washington, D.C. that brings graduate students and scientists to Capitol Hill to raise awareness and support for science and research funding. Steve received policy, communication and advocacy training on how to work with Congress and their staff and then spent time meeting with the Colorado Congressional delegation to advocate for food, agricultural and natural resources research.

Steve is a PhD student in Soil and Crop Sciences. He has conducted research on the change in soil properties over time following the restoration of agricultural land to tallgrass prairie, and the role of plants in mediating belowground nutrient cycling in organic production systems. He is currently examining the socioeconomic, political, and environmental barriers to dryland cropping system intensification, and the effects of intensification on soil physical and biological properties related to water capture and drought tolerance. He is also interested in broader issues in the food system such as social justice and public health.