



COMMENTS AND NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!!! 2016 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS

Please join us 24–28 June 2016 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the 96th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists. The conference will be held on the campus of the University of Minnesota, home of the Golden Gophers! Come learn about the latest advances in the studies of mammals and interact with researchers and educators specializing in the biology of these fascinating animals. Come and enjoy everything the Land of 10,000 Lakes has to offer!

Dorm rooms will be available in residence housing. Additionally, hotel blocks will be made available to meeting attendees. Detailed conference and registration information will be made available on the conference website, which will be posted on the Meetings tab of the ASM webpage (<http://www.mammalsociety.org>).

The scientific program will include contributed oral and poster presentations as well as symposia, plenary speakers, and workshops. A full social agenda is being planned that includes multiple mixers, an awards ceremony, a picnic, our annual Run-for-Research, and field trips. Details for these events will be made available on the conference website.

For more information about the 2016 meeting, contact the chair of the Program Committee, Cody Thompson, University of Michigan Museum of Zoology (734-615-2810; cwthomp@umich.edu), local host Sharon Jansa, University of Minnesota (612-624-6293; jansa003@umn.edu), or Tony Ballard, Kansas State University Conference Services (785-532-2402; tballard@k-state.edu).

NOMINATIONS FOR THE C. HART MERRIAM AWARD

The American Society of Mammalogists is now accepting nominations for the **C. Hart Merriam Award**. The C. Hart Merriam Award is given to eminent scholars in recognition of outstanding research in mammalogy over a period of at least 10 years. C. Hart Merriam was the first chief of the Division of Economic Ornithology and Mammalogy of the United States Department of Agriculture, and a founding member of the American Ornithologists' Union, the National Geographic Society, and the American Society of Mammalogists. Among other contributions, he developed the concept of “life zones” to classify biomes found in North America. Nominations for the Merriam Award will be considered without regard to national citizenship or activity in the ASM.

Persons interested in nominating someone for the Merriam Award should send a packet containing a letter of nomination, a copy of the nominee's CV, and 3-5 letters of nomination

(all incorporated into a single PDF) via email to Felisa Smith (fasmith@unm.edu) by **1 March**.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE JOSEPH GRINNELL AWARD

The **Joseph Grinnell Award** recognizes excellence in education in the broadest sense. It encompasses not only the traditional roles of teaching undergraduate and graduate students in academic institutions, but also educational activities such as production of materials for federal, state, or local agencies, public education through creation of museum displays, and enhancement or encouragement of education through stewardship activities.

Candidates may be nominated by colleagues, supervisors, students, or others familiar with their devotion to, and execution of, their educational activities. A letter of nomination, maximum length two pages, should detail the candidate's excellence in education in mammalogy and should elaborate the reasons why this individual should be considered for this award. The committee appreciates clear evidence of excellence in teaching or mentorship or the high quality of other educational products. Such evidence could include summaries of teaching evaluations, student comments, student success, or other assessments of the effectiveness of educational activities.

The letter of nomination, the candidate's curriculum vita, and up to 4 additional letters of support should be sent to Marjorie Matocq by **1 March** (mmatocq@cabnr.unr.edu) as a single PDF document. The recipient will be announced at the banquet of the annual meeting of the Society. Nominations are not retained from previous years.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE HARTLEY H. T. JACKSON AWARD

The **Hartley H. T. Jackson Award** honors individuals with a long and outstanding record of service to mammalogy and the American Society of Mammalogists. Nominees should have extensive service in areas such as governance of the Society, special projects of the Society, editing of *Journal of Mammalogy* or *Mammalian Species* (Editors, Associate Editors, or others), and/or serving on multiple committees of the Society

Candidates may be nominated by any member who is familiar with the candidate's service to the Society and mammalogy in general. A letter of nomination (2 pages maximum) should describe the candidate's extensive service and should elaborate the reasons this person should be considered for the award. The letter of nomination, a curriculum vita