

Board of Governor's Ballot 2010

HENRY S. FITCH AWARD COMMITTEE (vote for one)

_____**Frost, Darrel R.** Curator, Division of Vertebrate Zoology (Herpetology) and Associate Dean of Science, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, NY 10024. Tel.: 212-769-5852. Fax: 212-769-5031; Email: frost@amnh.org.

Research Interests: Phylogenetic systematics of amphibians and reptiles.

ASIH Service: Member since 1972. Storer Award Judge (1998-99); Distinguished Foreign Member selection committee (1994); Board of Governors (1993-98; 2004-current); Stoye Award Judge (1993); Ichthyological and Herpetological Collections and Resources Committee (and Policy Subcommittee) (1992-96); Chair, Herpetological Nomenclature Committee (1988-89); Local Committee Member joint ASIH, HL, SSAR meeting (1991); President-Elect (2004); President (2005); Chair, Honorary Foreign Member in Herpetology, 2008, 2010; Chair Audit Committee, 2009.

_____**Henry R. Mushinsky**, Professor and Graduate Director, Department of Integrative Biology,

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 33620, mushinsk@usf.edu.

Research Interests: Henry's research has focused on the conservation biology of Florida amphibians and reptiles. He has a robust variety of publications, including papers on water snakes, mangrove water snakes, the Gopher Tortoise, the Florida Sand Skink, the use of anurans to evaluate the health of wetlands, fire ecology, and the effects of phosphate mining on vertebrates. Henry has just over 100 published papers and has co-edited one book. He has attracted about 5.5 million dollars in research funding, much of it with his colleague Earl D. McCoy.

ASIH Service: Henry has served as President of the ASIH (2008), HL (2003-05), and SSAR (1997). He served as the point person for the recently signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) among four scientific societies to share financial responsibility for the annual Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. Henry and Phil Motta were co-chairs for the 2005 Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in Tampa. Henry was on the ASIH Board of Governors from 1990-95 and is currently serving a second term on the BOG, and is in his last of four years on the ASIH Executive Committee. He has been a member of the ASIH Conservation Committee since 1995, and a member of the ASIH Meeting Management Committee since 2003. Henry has served enthusiastically as an awards judge of student posters and talks at scientific meetings over the years.

_____**Pechmann, Joseph H. K.** Dept. of Biology, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 28723 (jpechmann@wcu.edu)

Research Interests: Conservation ecology of amphibians, implications of complex life cycles and habitat shifts for ecology and conservation, and population trend analyses and demography. Current projects include the effects of fire on terrestrial habitat quality for the dusky gopher frog, dusky gopher frog demography and population restoration, and

long-term studies of stream salamander distributions and *Plethodon* hybrid zones and the effects of climate change.

Service to ASIH: Gaige award committee 2000-2002 (Chair 2002), Board of Governors 2003-2008.

ROBERT H. GIBBS, JR. MEMORIAL AWARD COMMITTEE (vote for one)

_____**Arratia, Gloria.** Biodiversity Institute and Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045. garratia@ku.edu

Research Interests: Evolution, systematics and historical biogeography of fishes, especially actinopterygians. Primary research interests on origin, diversification and phylogenetic relationships of teleosts based on morphological, developmental and paleontological evidence. Current projects include systematics of Cypriniformes, Earth's most diverse clade of freshwater fishes; morphological diversity, evolutionary patterns and homologies of the postcranial skeleton in fishes; and preparation of two books on basal teleosts.

Service to ASIH: Frequent reviewer for *Copeia* and ASIH Special Publications.

_____**Hilton, Eric J.** Department of Fisheries Science, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point VA, 23062; ehilton@vims.edu

Research Interests: Anatomy, systematics, and taxonomy of fishes; ecology of fishes; history of ichthyology. The primary focus of my research is on the osteology and evolution of a wide variety of groups of fossil and living ray-finned fishes (Actinopterygii). Current projects include morphological and molecular systematics of sturgeons, and the osteology and systematics of the eel-pouts and their relatives (families of the suborder Zoarcoidei), among other groups of fishes. Other ongoing collaborative projects include the stock assessment and management of American shad in Virginia and the ingress of larval fishes in the Chesapeake Bay.

Service to ASIH. Board of Governors (2009-present); Editorial Board (2001-2008); reviewer for *Copeia*; Stoye Award judge (2008, 2009); Storer Award judge (2005, 2007).

_____**Sidlauskas, Brian L.** Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, 104 Nash Hall, Corvallis, OR, 97331 brian.sidlauskas@oregon.edu.

Research Interests: Systematics, evolution, biodiversity, morphology and conservation of freshwater fishes, particularly Characiformes. Current projects include studies of anatomical diversification in the African Distichodontidae, a molecular counterpart to previous morphological phylogenetics in the South American Anostomoidea, and a systematic assessment of the taxonomic status of Oregon's threatened Foscett Dace.

Service to ASIH: Board of Governors 2009-present; Storer award judge; reviewer for *Copeia*; Editorial Board of *Copeia* (2008-present); session chair at numerous annual meetings

ROBERT K. JOHNSON AWARD COMMITTEE (vote for one)

_____**Kley, Nathan J.** Department of Anatomical Sciences, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY 11794-8081. nathan.kley@stonybrook.edu.

Research Interests: Functional morphology of snake feeding systems; evolutionary morphology of the skull, vertebrae, and pelvic apparatus of snakes; origin and early evolution of snakes; biology of blindsnakes; functional and evolutionary morphology of the squamate hyolingual apparatus; and evolutionary morphology of the craniofacial skeleton of notosuchian crocodyliforms. Current projects include studies of: the evolution of prey transport performance in snakes; evolutionary morphometrics of the ophidian feeding apparatus; positional behaviors associated with macrophagy in alethinophidian snakes; and a monographic description of the craniofacial morphology of *Simosuchus clarki*, an herbivorous crocodyliform from the Late Cretaceous of Madagascar.

Service to ASIH: Board of Governors, 2005–2009.

_____**Preest, Marion R.** Joint Science Department, The Claremont Colleges, Claremont, CA 91711, USA. mpreest@jsd.claremont.edu

Research Interest: Physiological ecology of amphibians and reptiles, particularly stress physiology, feeding energetics, and thermoregulation of lizards.

Service to ASIH: Board of Governors 2008-present, Stoye Award Judge - Herpetology 1997. Nominating Committee 2010.

_____**Savitzky, Alan H.** Department of Biological Sciences, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 23529-0266 asavitzk@odu.edu

Research Interests: Morphology, development, evolution, and ecology of snakes. Recent studies have included sequestered chemical defense in Asian natricine snakes, evolution and function of skin and scale rows in snakes, and conservation biology of the Timber Rattlesnake in southeastern Virginia.

Service to ASIH: President, 1998; Board of Governors, 1982-1986, 1989-1994, 1996 – present; Executive Committee, 1997-2005; Chair, Long Range Planning and Policy Committee, Nominating Committee, Henry S. Fitch Award Committee; Member, Conservation Committee, Planning Committee for *Copeia* Anniversary Committee, Public Affairs Committee; Recipient, Robert K. Johnson Award, 2007