

Merriam Award Committee

Committee Members: S. Jansa (Chair), J. Maldonado, C. Maher, R. Maestri, M. Willig

Mission: The C. Hart Merriam Award recognizes eminent scholars who have made outstanding contributions to research in mammalogy over a period of at least 10 years. The purpose of this committee is to solicit nominations for this award and to select a recipient. The recipient will be announced during the Closing Social and Awards Ceremony the 2024 Annual Meeting. The recipient will be invited to present a plenary lecture at the annual meeting the following year, and will be invited to prepare a review paper for potential publication in the *Journal of Mammalogy*.

Information Items:

(1) A recipient for the 2024 Merriam Award was selected by the committee and forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval. The recipient will be announced during the annual meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists in Boulder CO.

(2) Competitive candidates from the 2024 competition will be automatically rolled forward for consideration next year. Nominators will be given the opportunity to update the nomination package with a new CV and letters, but an entirely new nomination package will not be required.

Action Items:

(1) No budget is requested, as costs for the award statue and name plate are now tracked by VP Janet Rachlow.

Respectfully submitted,

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