

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SSAR MEETING

Fourth and Final Update!

THURSDAY, JULY 30 – MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015

Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles

co-sponsored by Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (PARC)

together with the herpetological societies of Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas, the Center for North American Herpetology, and the International Society for the History and Bibliography of Herpetology



- For registration and full conference details, visit SSAR2015.ku.edu starting March 15 •

Transportation, Parking and Housing

The Kansas City International Airport is one hour northeast of Lawrence. Shuttle options include vans. See list at www.flykci.com/direction/shuttle/Index.htm.

Ample free parking within a 3-block radius of conference activities will be available in surrounding university lots and nearby streets.

A wide variety of housing options are available ranging from low-cost dormitory rooms that can be shared to local hotels and motels. Options include:

- Springhill Suites by Marriott (downtown)
- The Oread Hotel (1 block away): \$149–169
- Holidome (2 miles away): \$80 for up to four people including breakfast
- On-campus dormitory housing: \$40–\$60

Registration Fees (Deadline June 30th)

Student members*	US \$160
Regular members	\$295
Seniors (retired / over 70)	\$160 (membership not required)
Non-members	\$375
Late surcharge for all after June 30	\$50

*For this meeting, student members of SSAR, HL, ASIH, and other international, national, and regional herpetological societies are eligible for the SSAR student member rate, but they must provide written evidence of their membership (statement from society officer, student's advisor, or other authority).

Deadlines for Presenters (May 15th)

Abstracts for all papers (oral and poster) are due to the conference organizer by May 15th. These should include title, author or authors, and address (both postal and email). Full details on format for abstracts and posters as well as available projection facilities may be found on the SSAR 2015 meeting website: SSAR2015.ku.edu.

Meeting website (available March 15)

Visit SSAR2015.ku.edu for the day-by-day meeting schedule, registration, airport shuttle, parking, accommodations, meals, special events, tours, juried prizes, auction donations, committee meetings, socials and other activities associated with this meeting.

SSAR will hold its 2015 meeting on the beautiful and centrally located campus of the University of Kansas in Lawrence. All scientific sessions will be held in the Kansas Union, which is adjacent to the KU Biodiversity Institute and Natural History Museum, the setting of more than a century of research and graduate education in herpetology. The intimate campus setting will facilitate personal and friendly interactions while moderating fees for registration and lodging.

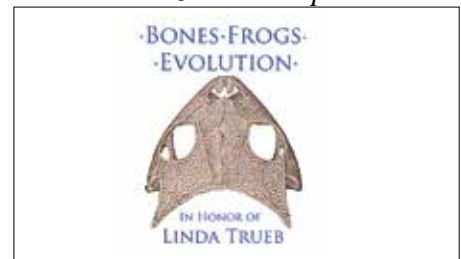
This unique campus format meeting will include oral and poster presentations, silent and live auctions, vendor displays, student social, symposia, and special lectures provided by David Hillis (Keynote), Harry W. Greene (Plenary), and Miguel Vences (President's Travelogue).

Conference activity highlights include:

- Redesigned audiovisual shows arranged by David Dennis and Eric Juterbock
- Reception honoring distinguished senior herpetologists, allowing students to interact personally with luminaries in the field
- The Herpetological Quiz, arranged by the graduate students at UT Arlington and KU, with prizes for winners
- Guided tours of herpetological collections and newly renovated laboratories in the Biodiversity Institute
- Tour of the Fitch Reservation (*see photo on next page*) at the KU Biological Fieldstation and Reserves, led by George Pisani
- Special presentation for the International Society for the History and Bibliography of Herpetology featuring author Sally Haines of the KU Spencer Research Library
- Display of live Kansas herps with photographic set-ups

SYMPOSIA UPDATES

Finalized Participants



BONES, FROGS, AND EVOLUTION

Organized by David Blackburn, Anne Maglia, and David Cannatella

This event will celebrate the exceptionally productive 40 years of scholarship of Linda Trueb and will include presentations by Ana Maria Baez, David Blackburn, David Cannatella, Luis Coloma, Eli Greenbaum, Juan Guayasamin, Anne Maglia, Dave McLeod, Greg Pregill, Chris Sheil, Helio de Silva, Erik Wild, and Marvalee Wake. Introduction by Leonard Krishalka and summary by William Duellman.



FRONTIERS IN INTEGRATIVE ORGANISMAL BIOLOGY: HERPETOLOGICAL HORIZONS

Organized by Rich Glor and Rafe Brown

This event will bring together a group of exceptionally research-active herpetologists working at the forefront of evolution-related fields, using amphibians and reptiles as study systems. Topics include speciation, adaptive radiation, convergence, phenotypic evolution, and the evolution of development—all through the lens of genomic approaches to understanding evolution of amphibians and reptiles. Participants include Frank Burbrink, Todd Castoe, Ben Evans, Matt Fujita, Luke Harmon, Ryan Kerney, Adam Leaché, Emily Lemmon, Jim McGuire, Rachael Mueller, Dan Rabosky, Erica Rosenblum, Robert Thompson, John Wiens, and Kelly Zamudio. Summary by David Wake.

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AMPHIBIANS OF THE APPALACHIANS



In 1979, SSAR premiered the first of four half-hour audiovisual shows featuring herps, herp habitats, and herpetologists, that became highly popular events at its annual meetings over the next 25 years. These shows have not been seen for ten years and have now been completely revised using high-definition Blue Ray technology. Most of the photography will be completely new. Two of these newly revised shows will debut at the KU meeting in 2015.



Meeting Agenda Highlights full details at SSAR2015.ku.edu

Thursday, July 30

SSAR Board of Directors Meeting
Registration
Presidential Travelogue Lecture
Welcome Social for all

Friday, July 31

Poster sessions and concurrent papers
Plenary sessions
Keynote Lecture
Plenary Lecture
PARC symposium
Reception for all with distinguished senior herpetologists
AV shows

Saturday, August 1

Poster sessions and concurrent papers
SSAR and PARC symposia
SSAR student social
Live auction and reception for all

Sunday, August 2

Concurrent papers
PARC and SSAR symposia
SSAR business meeting
Outdoor picnic for all

Monday, August 3

Meetings and tours for the International Society for the History and Bibliography of Herpetology, plus day trips and tours



Kansas Biological Survey



PARC-SPONSORED EVENTS

PARC Symposium 1: Identifying Priority Areas for Herpetofauna Conservation

Organizer: Phillip deMaynadier
Moderators: Phillip deMaynadier and Bill Sutton
Confirmed speakers: Ron Sutherland, Phillip deMaynadier, J. J. Apodaca, Stephen Speare, Cyndy Loftin, Bill Sutton, Brian Todd, Kyle Barrett, Robin Moore, James Lewis, Stephen Mockford, Mike Jones, Liz Willey, Priya Nanjappa

PARC Symposium 2: PARC's Partners Focusing on Habitat

Organizer: Jen Williams
Moderators: Jen Williams, David Bender, John Moriarty
Confirmed speakers: Jason Daniels, Therese Conant, Joe Robb, Paul Makela, Mark Vandever, Jeff Holmes

PARC / SSAR Symposium 3: Communicating Herpetofaunal Conservation to the Public

Organizer and moderator: Linda Weir
Special speaker: Tyrone Hayes

PARC / SSAR Workshop: Distilling Your Message

Organizer: Linda Weir
Moderator: Christine O'Connell, Alan Alda Center

PARC Event: Exploring Non-academic Careers in Herpetology: a lunch time event for students

Organizers: Danny Martin and John Moriarty

FEATURED SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE LECTURER



David Hillis
University of Texas at Austin
Evolutionary Insights from Studying Amphibians and Reptiles

PLENARY LECTURE



Harry Greene
Cornell University
The Life and Times of a KU Herpetological Icon: Henry Fitch and 70 Years of Snake Ecology

PRESIDENTIAL LECTURER



Miguel Vences
Technical University of Braunschweig (Germany)
Inventories of an Imperiled Paradise: Two Decades of Herpetology in Madagascar

PARC SPECIAL SPEAKER



Tyrone Hayes
University of California at Berkeley
Title To Be Announced