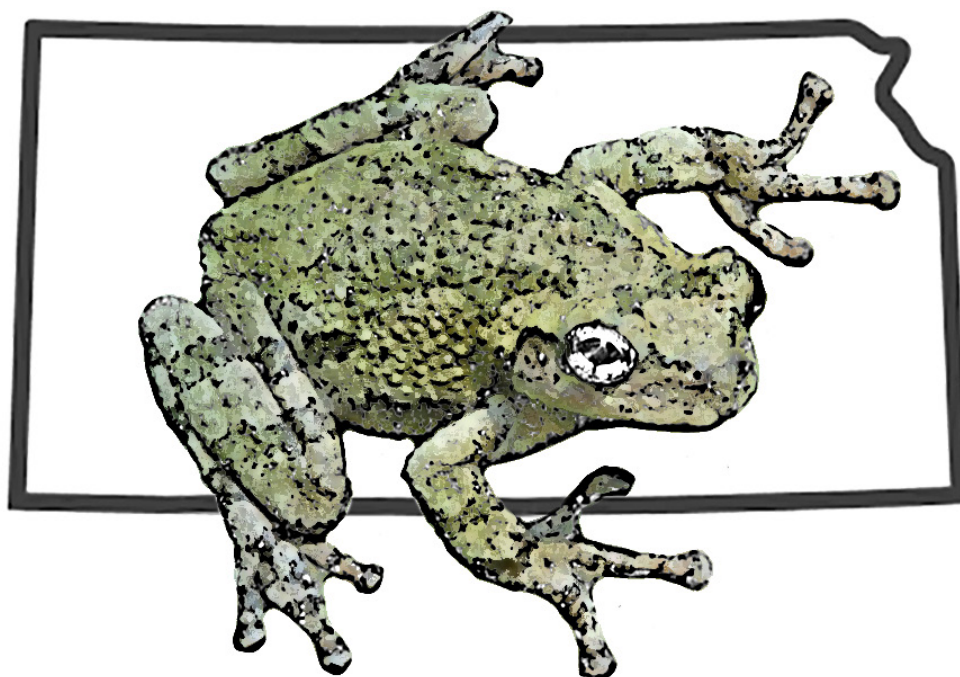


# KANSAS HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Pittsburg State University, Kansas



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FRIDAY • 5 NOVEMBER 2021

**MIXER - HERP TRIVIA**

6:00 - 10:00 PM

Overman Student Center, Ball Room C

cash bar, free drink ticket, snacks

SATURDAY • 6 NOVEMBER 2021

8:00-9:00 am Registration: **Todd Volkmann** (KHS Secretary) and **Dexter Mardis** (KHS Treasurer) in the Overman Student Center. Drinks and donuts available. KHS masks will be given away to attendees until the supply is exhausted.

PLEASE NOTE: Photographers competing for **The Suzanne L. & Joseph T. Collins Award for Excellence in Kansas Herpetology** must get their submissions set up and ready for viewing in Ball Room C. Posters are available all day. Presenters are asked to be at their poster between 1:00 and 2:30 PM Saturday.

9:00 am Welcome by **Dr. Mary Carol Pomatto**, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences Pittsburg State University, Kansas. Opening Address by **Andrew George**, KHS President, Pittsburg State University, Kansas.

**Scientific Paper Session 1** - Moderator: **Daren Riedle**, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

9:15 am *SIRENS CHANGED THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH DROUGHTS TO "IT'S COMPLICATED."*  
**Thomas M. Lohring**<sup>1,2</sup>, Lyndsie S. Wszola<sup>3</sup>, Grant M. Connette<sup>4,5</sup>, Christopher M. Schalk<sup>2,6</sup>; <sup>1</sup>Biological Sciences, Wichita State University, Kansas, <sup>2</sup>Savannah River Ecology Laboratory, University of Georgia, Athens, <sup>3</sup>Biological Sciences, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, <sup>4</sup>Working Land and Seascapes, Conservation Commons, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, <sup>5</sup>Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, Front Royal, Virginia, <sup>6</sup>Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture, Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, Texas.

9:30 am *GENETIC EVALUATION OF SOUTH TEXAS SIREN.*  
**Jessica Heckman**, Peter Scott, and Richard Kazmaier; West Texas A&M University, Canyon.

9:45 am *GENETIC AFFINITIES OF POPULATIONS OF THE MUDPUPPY (NECTURUS MACULOSUS) IN KANSAS.*  
**Alexis F. L. A. Powell** and Jiayu Xu; Department of Biological Sciences, Emporia State University, Kansas.

10:00 am *GREAT PLAINS RAPTORS LACK PROTEOLYTIC RESISTANCE TO PRAIRIE RATTLESNAKE VENOM.*  
**Neil R. Balchan** and Stephen P. Mackessy; University of Northern Colorado, Greeley.

BREAK 10:15 to 10:30 AM - Posters

*Introduction of the KHS Keynote Speaker: Thomas Lohring*, Wichita State University, Kansas



## 10:30 am KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

*What Does a Retired Herpetologist Do?  
Besides Continuing to have Adventures  
with Reptiles and Amphibians*

**Dr. Whit Gibbons**

Savannah River Ecology Laboratory,  
University of Georgia, Athens

11:30 am KHS Group Photograph (**Larry L. Miller**, Kansas Heritage Photography)

LUNCH: 11:50 am to 1:30 pm

(Meeting participants are expected to forage independently, or in large groups if this provides leverage)

POSTER SESSION - 1:00 to 2:30 PM - BALL ROOM C

*Scientific Paper Session 2* - Moderator: **Alexis Powell**, Emporia State University

- 2:30 pm *STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: INSIGHTS FROM BODY TEMPERATURE IN FIVE WESTERN DIAMOND-BACKED RAT-SLIDESNAKES.*  
**Joshua J. Mead**, Vicente Mata-Silva and Jerry D. Johnson; Department of Biological Sciences, The University of Texas at El Paso.
- 2:45 pm *INTRASEXUAL SELECTION DRIVES SEXUAL DIMORPHISM IN THE SKULL IN MALES OF CLOSELY RELATED SPECIES WITHIN THE LIMNONECTES KUHLII COMPLEX.*  
**Thornton R. Larson**<sup>1</sup>, Pranchiti B. Kiny<sup>1</sup>, Justin L. Jacobs<sup>1</sup>, Amir Hamidy<sup>2</sup>, Nia Kurniawan<sup>3</sup>, and Eric N. Smith<sup>1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>University of Texas at Arlington; <sup>2</sup>Museum Zoologicum Bogoriense, Research Center for Biology, Indonesian Institute of Sciences, Bogor, Indonesia; <sup>3</sup>Brawijaya University, Malang, Indonesia.
- 3:00 pm *RESURVEYS REVEAL AMPHIBIAN SUCCESSION IN AN EASTERN US FOREST RESERVE.*  
**Daniel F. Hughes**<sup>1</sup>, Amanda K. Martin<sup>2</sup>, and Jennifer A. Sheridan<sup>2</sup>; <sup>1</sup>Department of Biology, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; <sup>2</sup>Section of Amphibians and Reptiles, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- 3:15 pm *BREEDING HABITS AND WATER QUALITY OF THE STATE ENDANGERED BLUE SPOTTED SALAMANDER.*  
**Hadley Copeland**, Harlo Hadow, and Martin St Clair; Department of Biology & Department of Chemistry, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- 3:30 pm *TURTLE RACES: A CONSERVATION THREAT TO NORTH AMERICAN AND KANSAS TURTLES?*  
**Alex Heeb**, Christine Light, Will Hanson-Regan<sup>1</sup>, Gina Buelow, Taylor Blazi, Madeleine Smith, Ellie Houchin, Cailin Gallagher<sup>2</sup>, Ellen "Liv" Jones DVM, Chelsie Creps, Valerie Vester, Dan Carpenter, Bruce Wolhuter, Aaron Ellison, Dan Whitney, Jacqui Gibson, Becky Lister, Laura Priest, Thaniel Bentz, and Carol Becker; <sup>1</sup>University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, <sup>2</sup>University of Michigan, Flint.
- 3:45 pm *DON'T BE FOOLED BY "LOOK-ALIKES"*  
**Greg Sievert** and Lynnette Sievert; Emporia, Kansas

*KHS General Business Meeting*

- 4:00 pm KHS General Business Meeting, KHS President **Andrew George** presiding  
Introduction of KHS Officers & Committee Chairpersons  
KHS Treasurer's Report by **Dexter Mardis**  
KHS Secretary's Report by **Todd Volkmann**  
KHS Editor's Report by **Darren Riedle**  
KHS Historian's Report by **Suzanne L. Collins**  
KHS Field Trip Report by **Travis W. Taggart**  
KDWP Liaison Report - **Darren Riedle**  
  
Report on Plans for the 49th Annual KHS Meeting on the first weekend in November 2022  
by KHS President-Elect **David Penning**, Missouri Southern University, Joplin, Missouri  
  
*Election of KHS Officers for 2022*  
**Lynnette Sievert** (ESU, Kansas), the KHS Nominating Committee, offers the following slate of candidates:  
For President-Elect • **Rafe Brown**, Lawrence, KS  
For Treasurer • **Dexter Mardis**, Wichita, KS  
For Secretary • **Todd Volkmann**, Wichita, KS  
  
Announcement of the results of the KHS election by KHS President **Andrew George**

DINNER ca. 5:00 to 6:30 PM

(Meeting participants are again expected to forage, this time with greater skill because of their lunch-time experience.)

SATURDAY EVENING • 6 NOVEMBER 2015

*The Lodge Event Center,*

2312 W 4th St, Pittsburg, KS 66762

6:30 PM - KHS Awards Ceremony

*Moderator: Daniel D. Fogell, Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Nebraska.*

7:00 PM - KHS Auction

*KHS Auctioneers Daniel D. Fogell and Christopher Visser will offer up many breath-taking items (of questionable value). The KHS takes cash, credit cards, and checks. Be sure and get a bidding number before the auction commences. Bid vigorously and support the KHS. Light food/hors d'oeuvres will be provided*

SUNDAY • 7 NOVEMBER 2021

8:00-9:00 am Registration for participants that did not register on Saturday: **Todd Volkmann** (KHS Secretary) and **Dexter Mardis** (KHS Treasurer). Drinks and donuts available.

*Scientific Paper Session 3* - Moderator: **Bill Stark**, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas

9:00 am *ANURAN OCCUPANCY PATTERNS ON MINED LANDS.*

**Emma M. Buckardt**, Christine C. Rega-Brodsky, and Andrew D. George; Pittsburg State University, Kansas.

9:15 am *PROPOSED SURVEY OF THE CHIHUAHUA GREEN TOAD, ANAXYRUS DEBILIS, IN KANSAS.*

**Mackenzie Zielke** and Dr. William J. Stark; Fort Hays State University, Department of Biological Sciences, Hays, Kansas.

9:30 am *A PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF ANAXYRUS PUNCTATUS IN BARBER AND COMANCHE COUNTIES, KANSAS.*

**Elisabeth Russell** and Dr. William Stark; Fort Hays State University, Department of Biological Sciences, Hays, Kansas.

9:45 am *NON-LETHAL MOLECULAR METHODS TO DETERMINE THE CONTEMPORARY DISTRIBUTION OF GRAY TREEFROG COMPLEX IN KANSAS.*

**Nora Lazerus** and Dr. William Stark; Fort Hays State University, Department of Biological Sciences, Hays, Kansas.

10:00 am *DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAMMATIC CONSERVATION AGREEMENT FOR AQUATIC SPECIES IN KANSAS.*

**J. Daren Riedle**, Mark VanScoyoc, and Chris Berens; Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Pratt.

BREAK 10:15 to 10:30 PM

*Scientific Paper Session 4* - Moderator: **Christopher Visser**, Nebraska Nature Service, Lincoln

10:30 am *EXAMINATION OF BEHAVIORAL SYNDROMES ACROSS MULTIPLE POPULATIONS REVEAL SUPPORT FOR ADAPTIVE HYPOTHESIS OVER THE CONSTRAINT HYPOTHESIS IN ORNATE BOX TURTLES (TERRAPENE ORNATA).*

**Benjamin Reed**; Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas.

10:45 am *SOURCES AND SINKS IN A TURTLE METAPOPULATION: RECOLONIZATION OF URBAN PONDS AFTER DRYING EVENTS.*

**Mark S. Mills**, Christine Bell, Jessica Poush, and Kyle Richardson; Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph.

11:00 am *POPULATION SURVEYS AND REWILDING THE CRITICALLY ENDANGERED HICATEE IN BELIZE.*

**Day B. Ligon**<sup>1</sup>, Donald T. McKnight, Thomas Pop, Jaren Serano, and Denise M. Thompson; <sup>1</sup>Department of Biology, Missouri State University; <sup>2</sup>College of Science and Engineering, James Cook University, Australia; <sup>3</sup>Belize Foundation for Research and Environmental Education; <sup>4</sup>Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, University of Florida, Gainesville.

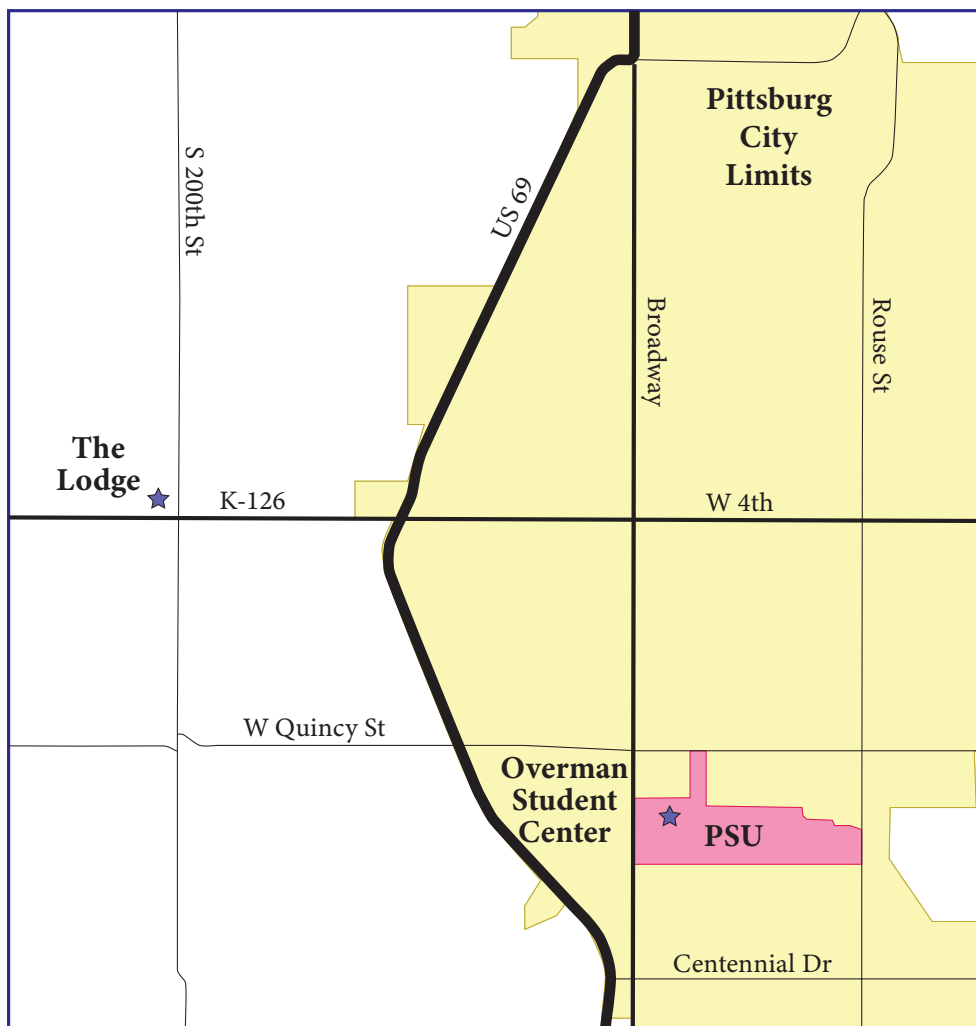
11:15 am *CONSTRICTING SNAKES USE BIG BRAIN ENERGY TO KILL THEIR PREY.*

**David Penning** and Jillian Hackney; Missouri Southern State University, Joplin.

Presentation of the George Toland Award by KHS Awards Chair, **Daniel D. Fogell**

Closing remarks by **Andrew George**

## KHS MEETING VENUES AND NEARBY RESTAURANTS



**Chatters**  
2401 S Rouse St B

**Pichler's Chicken Annie's**  
1271 S 220th St

**The Mall Deli**  
202 Centennial Dr - In Meadowbrook Mall

**The Pitt**  
516 N Broadway

**Sakera**  
1618 S Broadway St - In Plaza Shopping Center

**Mandy's Place**  
206 S Broadway St

**Guadalajara Mexican Grill**  
1620 S Broadway St - In Plaza Shopping Center

**Drop the H Brewing Company**  
107 E Rose St

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401 N Broadway suite d  
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Joplin St and Cleveland Ave should be available.

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## KHS MEETING POSTER TITLES

The Meshaka Award for the best Poster will be awarded prior to the Saturday evening auction.  
Abstracts available here: <http://ksherp.com/khs-submitted-titles/>

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- Land Use and Burn Regime Effects on Snake Presence and Abundance in a Restored Prairie Ecosystem.* **Krista J. Ward**, Dexter R. Mardis, and Thomas M. Luhring; Department of Biological Sciences, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas.
- Linking Space Use to Behavioral Syndromes in the Ornate Box Turtle (Terrapene ornata) in Eastern Iowa.* **Farah Suboh**<sup>1</sup>, Aubrey Gauntt<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin Reed<sup>2</sup>, and Daniel F. Hughes<sup>1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>Department of Biology, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; <sup>2</sup>Department of Biology, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas.
- Preliminary Assessment of the Aquatic Turtle Community and Effects of Trap Size at an Urban Lake in Eastern Iowa.* **Lauren Velezand** Daniel F. Hughes; Department of Biology, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- Geographic Variation Complicates Identification of Chorus Frogs Near Range Boundaries.* **Taylor Michael**, Luke Headings, Christine Rega-Brodsky, and Andrew George; Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas
- The Effect of Predators on Temperature Regulation in a Lizard.* **Calvin Vick** and Dr. Matthew E. Gifford; University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas
- Herpetofauna of Wichita State University Field Station.* **Samantha M. Skerlec**, Dexter R. Mardis, and Thomas M. Luhring; Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas
- Continued Assessment of the Aquatic Turtle Community at the Sternberg Natural Area.* **Jacob N. Alexander**, Curtis J. Schmidt, Morgan A. Noland, and Mitchell J. Greer; Department of Biological Sciences, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas
- On the Distribution of the Queensnake, Regina septemvittata (Say, 1825), in the Middle Fox River Drainage, Illinois, USA.* **Nathan J. Kutok**, Joseph T. Cavataio, and Tristan D. Schramer; Southern Illinois University at Carbondale; West Chicago Environmental Commission; Clemson University
- A Tale of Two Counties: The Impact of Long-term Monitoring Efforts.* **Thomas Zapletal**, Kelsea Tyson, Lexis Mader, Jeremiah Cline, Alyssa Farney, Loegan Hill, Jainee Cowen, Camron Matteson, and David Penning; Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, Missouri
- Methods Check on A Rare and Powerful Opportunity to Study the Biodiversity of a Native Remnant Prairie in SW Missouri.* **Alyssa Owens** and David Penning; Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, Missouri
- A Newly Discovered Eastern Newt Population on Abandoned Mined Land in Southeast Kansas.* **Gizelle L. Sisson**, Emma M. Buckardt, Christine C. Rega-Brodsky, and Andrew D. George; Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas
- Comparison of Flesh Fly (Cistudinomyia cistudinis) Prevalence Throughout Midwest Populations of Ornate Box Turtles (Terrapene ornata).* **Aubrey Gauntt**, Joshua Smith, and Benjamin Reed; Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas
- Do Texas Horned Lizards Exhibit Microhabitat Selection?* **Jessica Heckman** and Richard Kazmaier; West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas
- Ornate Box Turtle (Terrapene ornata) Identification Via Pattern Recognition.* **Mason Chanay** and Benjamin Reed; Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas
- The Relationship Between Behavioral Syndromes and Philopatry in Ornate Box Turtles (Terrapene ornata).* **Samantha Kim**, Patience Wagner, Mason Chanay, Sam Wagner, Aubrey Gauntt, and Benjamin Reed; Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas
- Demographics and Movement Ecology of the Ornate Box Turtle (Terrapene ornata) in Eastern Kansas.* **Anthony Hoad**, Kalyn Hobelman, and Benjamin Reed; Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas
- Day-to-day and Year-to-year Consistency in Ornate Box Turtle (Terrapene ornata) Behavior Types.* **Chelsea Armstrong**, Aubrey Gauntt, Sam Wagner, Patience Wagner, Samantha Kim, Kaylyn Hobelman, Shelby Bloom, Amelia Weller, Colin Nelson, and Benjamin Reed; Department of Biology & Department of Chemistry, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- Population and Habitat Assessments of the Hicatee (Dermatemys mawii).* **Anthony J. Grate**<sup>1</sup>, Denise M. Thompson<sup>1</sup>, Donald T. McKnight<sup>2</sup>, Ethan C. Hollender<sup>3</sup>, and Day B. Ligon<sup>1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>Department of Biology, Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri. <sup>2</sup>College of Science and Engineering, James Cook University, Australia. <sup>3</sup>Department of Biological Sciences, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas.