



Mississippi Chapter of The Wildlife Society

2016 Annual Meeting

Bost Extension Center, Mississippi State University

Thursday, September 15



8:00 **Registration Opens** – Coffee/Refreshments (Posters set-up)

9:25 **Welcome and Introduction** – Randy Spencer, President

9:30 **Welcome Address**

Welcome to Mississippi State University and Program Overview and Vision

Dr. Andrew Kouba, Professor and Head, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture, Mississippi State University

10:00 **Keynote Address**

The Process of Partnerships

Dr. Wes Burger, Associate Director of Research, Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station & Forest and Wildlife Research Center, Mississippi State University

Invited Talks

10:30 *A Life Dedicated to Conservation and Education*

Fannye A. Cook, Director, Mississippi Museum of Natural Science (as portrayed by Cathy Shropshire, Mississippi Wildlife Federation Executive Director, Retired)

11:00 *USDA Agricultural Wildlife Conservation Center (AWCC) Partnerships*

Ed Hackett, USDA Agricultural Wildlife Conservation Center, Retired

11:30 **Lunch** – On your own

1:00 *Conservation Delivery Networks – Examples of Effective Conservation Partnership in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley*

Steve Brock, MAV Partnership Coordinator, Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture

1:20 *Tri-State Conservation Coordination Committee*

Ron Seiss, Lower Mississippi River Conservation Program Director, The Nature Conservancy

1:40 *Implementing Collaborative Habitat Restoration in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley*

Anne Mini, American Bird Conservancy, Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture

2:00 *Mississippi Fire Ecosystem Partnership*

Russ Walsh, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

2:20 *Delta Wildlife – Partnerships*

Dan Prevost, Wildlife Biologist, Delta Wildlife

2:40 *Mississippi Wildlife Federation – Partnerships*

Brad Young, Executive Director, Mississippi Wildlife Federation

3:00 **Break** – Last time to set-up posters



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3:20 **Workshop - Partnership Processes in Conservation Delivery**
Moderated by Kristine Evans - Gulf Coastal Plains/Ozarks LCC

Panel discussion with:

Andrew Kouba – MSU

Cathy Shropshire – MDWFP & MWF, Retired

Anne Mini – American Bird Conservancy

Liz Barber – Barber and Mann

Ron Seiss – The Nature Conservancy

5:00 **Adjourn** (voting closes)

5:30-8:00 **Social at “The Little Dooley”** – Featuring BBQ and the return of the **Quiz Bowl**

8:00-until **After-Social at Comfort Suites**

Friday, September 16

7:30 **Registration** – Coffee/Refreshments

Student/Professional Submitted Presentations

8:00 *Habitat Selection Patterns of Feral Pigs Inhabiting the Mississippi Delta*
Kelsey Paolini, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture, Mississippi State University

8:20 *Genetic contribution of northern lineages to free-range populations of white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) in southcentral United States*
Jordan Youngmann, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture, Mississippi State University

8:40 *Herpetofaunal space use following forest management: diversity and utilization*
Johannah R. McCollum, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture, Mississippi State University

9:00 *Stop, Collaborate, and Smell: Multi-institutional research into giant panda chemical communication*
Abbey Wilson, Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology, and Plant Pathology, Mississippi State University

9:20 *Predicting global animal production from net primary productivity: the wildlife biome*
Garrett M. Street, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture, Mississippi State University

9:40 **Break and Poster Session** - Presenters must be present from 9:40-10:10 for judging.

10:10 *Use of Highway Culverts, Box Bridges, and Caves by Winter-roosting Bats in Mississippi*
Kathy Shelton, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, Museum of Natural Science

10:30 *Understanding Wildlife Value Orientations of Mississippians for More Effective and Inclusive Wildlife Conservation – Current Findings*
Adam Rohnke, Senior Extension Associate, Mississippi State University Extension Service



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Open Pine Habitat: Desired Ecological States Provided by Managed Forests

Ray Iglay - Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture, Mississippi State University

11:10

Business Meeting and Awards

Noon

Adjourn

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