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

10:30 Invited Talks
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
Anne Mini – American Bird Conservancy
Ron Seiss – The Nature Conservancy

Cathy Shropshire – MDWFP & MWF, Retired
Liz Barber – Barber and Mann

5:00 Adjourn (voting closes)

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

8:00-unti1l After-Social at Comfort Suites

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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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10:50  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

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