

TWS Council Candidate Biographic Sketch Southeastern Section Representative – 2021

Lisa Muller

Education

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy
Institution: University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia; September 1990 to December 1995
Major: Forest Resources (Wildlife Ecology and Management)

Degree: Master of Science
Institution: Auburn University, Alabama; September 1981 to December 1984
Major: Wildlife Biology

Degree: Bachelor of Science
Institution: Auburn University, Alabama; September 1977 to August 1981
Major: Wildlife Management

Present Position

- **Professor and Assistant Department Head.** Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. July 2020 to present.
 - 42% Teaching, 52% Research, 6% Administration.
 - *Advisor for undergraduate Wildlife and Fisheries Science Majors, Wildlife Management and Wildlife Health Options, Graduate Coordinator.*

Former Positions (up to 5)

- **Professor and Interim Department Head.** Department of Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee. September 2018 – September 2019.
- **Professor.** Department of Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee. July 2017 to present.
- **Associate Professor.** Department of Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee. July 2006 to 2016.
- **Assistant Professor.** Department of Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee. July 1999 to 2005.
- **Assistant Professor.** Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Delaware State University, Dover, Delaware. September 1996 to July 1999.

The Wildlife Society Activities: Member since 1981; certified in 1998

- Named a Fellow. The Wildlife Society 2019.
- Member. The C.W. Watson Award Selection Committee. Representing the Southeast Section of The Wildlife Society. 2020-2022.
- Member. The Wildlife Society Nominating Committee. 2017 – 2019.
- Secretary/Treasurer. The Wildlife Society Wildlife Damage Management Working Group. 2012-2014 and 2018-2020.

- Chair of local planning committee. For the 16th Wildlife Damage Management Meeting Conference (Wildlife Damage Management Working Group Meeting) held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, 1-4 March 2015.
- Abstract Reviewer. TWS Annual Meetings. 2013-present.
- Editor. Proceedings of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Associate Editor 2008. Assistant Editor 2006 to 2008.
- Member and Chair. The Wildlife Society Committee on Support of Conference and Symposia. Member 2001-2004. Chairman 2003-2004.
- Secretary/Treasurer. Tennessee Chapter of the Wildlife Society. 2000 to 2002.
- Member. Publication Award Committee. Southeastern Section of the Wildlife Society. 1997 to 2006.

Other Professional Affiliations

- Wildlife Disease Association
- American Society of Mammalogists
- Quality Deer Management Association
- International Association of Bear Research and Management
- International Society of Wildlife Endocrinology

Leadership Experience (professional and organizations, up to 5):

- Interim and Assistant Department Head. Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, University of Tennessee. 2017-present.
- University of Tennessee Inclusive Leadership Academy Training. Knoxville, Tennessee. Fall 2019.
- LEAD 21 – Leadership training for the 21st Century. Selected by the Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries and funded through the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. 2010-2011.

Principal Professional Interests

Wildlife physiology, interaction of animal behavior and movements with physiology, ecology and management of mammals.

Views: Limit of 250 words.

I have been involved with teaching and research in wildlife for many years. I strongly believe it is important to give back to the profession and encourage current and future wildlife biologists to continue the great work of TWS. I am passionate about including diverse voices as I know wildlife conservation issues faced tomorrow will require many different ways of thinking. I know it is important to participate and for everyone to make their voices heard. I want to promote communication and collaboration in the profession. I also encourage wildlife professionals to engage the public and explain the science and thought that goes into management decisions.

Solutions to conservation issues and progress in natural resource management will come from an informed and passionate membership. I believe TWS provides many opportunities for professional growth and I will continue to advocate for education, training, and mentorship. I have been very fortunate to have had great guides, colleagues, and friends at all levels of TWS. I would like to be a part of the tradition and promote involvement. I welcome interactions, ideas, and suggestions from all members. If elected, I will do my best to serve the Southeast Section with all my energy.