**THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY**

**SECTION REPRESENTATIVE NOMINEE FORM**

**Nominee for: SOUTHEASTERN SECTION**

**Personal Data: Place of birth: Nashville, TN**

**Education: BA Biology, Berea College, Berea, KY 1988; MS Wildlife and Fisheries Science, UT Knoxville, Knoxville, TN 1991; PhD Wildlife Science, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 1996**

**Present Position: Professor, Wildlife Science, UT Martin, employed 1997**

**Former Positions: Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Oregon State University, 1996**

**Wildlife Society Activities:** Member since 1988; Member College and University Education Working Group since 1997; Certified Wildlife Biologist since 1998; Advisor to UT Martin Student Chapter since 1997; Tennessee Chapter President 2000-2001; Member/Chair SE-TWS C. W. Watson Award Committee 20089-2011; Southeastern Section President 2013; Member TWS Nominations Committee, 2015-2016, TWS Fellow since 2017; Member TWS The 1000.

**Leadership Experience (professional and organizations):** 1997-present: Oversee Wildlife and Fisheries Biology Program at UT Martin. Academic advisor to 50-100 undergraduate students per semester. 2018: Formed and accepted position of Coordinator, UT Martin Center for Sustainability. 2019-present: Member West Tennessee River Basin Authority Advisory Board. 2024: External Reviewer, CSU-Pueblo Wildlife and Natural Resources Program Review.

**Principal Professional Interests:** Undergraduate wildlife education; forest and grassland habitat associations; upland gamebird ecology and management

**Views**: As a member of The Wildlife Society for over 36 years, I have benefitted profoundly in many ways, both personally and professionally, from its many services. I am fortunate to be in a position that allows me to be active at all levels that the Society offers. As advisor to a student chapter, I am honored to mentor upcoming professionals, and I am impressed every year at the Southeastern Wildlife Student Conclave, and at the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Annual Conference, with the caliber of students across our Section. In 2015-1016, I served as Southeastern Section Historian; in this capacity, I delved deeply into Section records and was humbled by the depth, integrity, and impacts of our actions. From our participation in the formation of the Endangered Species Act, to our influence on proposed federal funding of wildlife conservation, to our commentary regarding professional standards and formation of a certification process, the Southeastern Section has been a force that is exemplary and motivational to me. I would be proud to represent the Section as our representative to Council.

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