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Education:

1982-1984	Miller Fellow, University of California, Berkeley	Postdoc
1977-1982	Cornell University, Neurobiology and Behavior	Ph.D.
1975-1977	Rutgers University, Zoology	M.S.
1971-1975	Glassboro State College, Biology	B.A.

Academic Honors and Awards:

2022	<i>Mike Ryan Fellowship Endowment, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (endowed by Drs. Doug and Susan Morrison)</i>
2017	<i>Distinguished Animal Behaviorist, Animal Behavior Society</i>
2013	<i>Eminent Ecologist, Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan State University</i>
2012	<i>Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science</i>
2011	<i>Fellow Wissenschaftskolleg (Institute for Advanced Studies), Berlin</i>
2011	<i>College of Natural Sciences Teaching Excellence Award, University of Texas</i>
2011	<i>ING Professor of Excellence, University of Texas</i>
2010	<i>E.O. Wilson Naturalist Award, American Society of Naturalists</i>
2008	<i>Joseph Grinnell Medal, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Univ. Calif., Berkeley</i>
2007	<i>Exemplar Award, Center for Integrative Studies in Animal Behavior, Indiana U.</i>
2007	<i>Presidential sequence, Animal Behavior Society</i>
2007	<i>Selected as one of 25 "Leaders in Animal Behavior" (Cambridge Univ. Press. 2010)</i>
2006	<i>Fellow of the Animal Behavior Society</i>
2001	<i>Outstanding Academic Title (Choice Magazine) Anuran Communication (ed. M.J. Ryan)</i>
2001	<i>Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences</i>

1997	<i>Guggenheim Fellow</i>
1997	<i>Visiting Scholar</i> , University of California, Berkeley
1997	<i>Distinguished Visiting Professor</i> , James Cook University, Townsville, Australia
1996	<i>Distinguished Visiting Professor</i> , University of Torino, Italy
1995	<i>Distinguished Herpetologist</i> , Herpetologists' League
1994	<i>Erskine Fellow</i> , University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand
1994	<i>Distinguished Visiting Animal Behaviorist</i> , University of Nebraska, Lincoln
1993-date	<i>Clark Hubbs Regents Professor in Zoology</i> , University of Texas, Austin
1993	<i>Visiting Distinguished Professor</i> , University of Miami, Miami
1989	<i>Visiting Professor</i> , Wake Forest University
1985-1987, 1990-1991	<i>Reeder Fellowship in Ecology and Evolution</i> , University of Texas, Austin
1985	<i>Young Investigator Award</i> , American Society of Naturalists
1982-1984	<i>Miller Fellow</i> , University of California, Berkeley
1981	<i>Herpetologists' League Award</i> , "Best Student Paper" - Evolution Category, Memphis, Tennessee
1980	<i>Stoye Award</i> , American Society of Ichthyologists & Herpetologists, "Best Student Paper" (Ecology, Ethology, Evolution), Fort Worth, Texas
1978	<i>Herpetologists' League Award</i> , "Best Student Paper", Tempe, Arizona
1975	<i>Outstanding Biology Student Medallion</i> , Glassboro State College

Academic Positions:

2020-2023	Associate Chair for Graduate Education, Department of Integrative Biology, University of Texas, Austin
2019-2022	Graduate Advisor, Ecology, Evolution and Behavior Program, University of Texas, Austin
2010-date	Senior Research Associate, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Balboa, Panama
1993-date	Clark Hubbs Regents Professor in Zoology
2000-date	Professor, Department of Integrative Biology, University of Texas, Austin
1993-2000	Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Texas, Austin
1993-1999	Graduate Advisor, Department of Zoology, University of Texas, Austin
1988-1993	Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Texas, Austin
1984-1988	Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Texas, Austin
1982-1984	Miller Fellow, University of California, Berkeley
1982-2010	Research Associate, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Balboa, Panama

Professional Activities:

2022-date	Vice Chairman- Board of Directors, <i>Merlin Tuttle's Bat Conservation</i>
2020-2022	Scientific Advisory Board (Chair), <i>Max Planck Institute for Ornithology</i> , Seewiesen, Germany (continuous since 2011, see below)
2018-2020	Scientific Advisory Board (Chair), <i>Max Planck Institute for Ornithology</i> , Seewiesen, Germany
2017	Organizing Committee, <i>XXVI International Bioacoustics Council</i> , Uttarakhand, India

- 2016 Organizing Committee, *8th World Congress of Herpetology*, Hangzhou, China
- 2014-2021 Board of Directors, *Merlin Tuttle's Bat Conservation*
- 2014-2017 Scientific Advisory Board, *Max Planck Institute for Ornithology*, Seeweisen, Germany
- 2013 External review committee, Biology Department, Indiana University
- 2012 External review committee, Biology Department, University of Kentucky
- 2012 National Science Foundation Panel
- 2012 Guest Editor, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*
- 2011 co-organizer National Science Foundation workshop- *The Future of Animal Behavior*
- 2011-date Board of Reviewing Editors, *Science*
- 2011-2015 Advisory Board, *Program in Cognition and Communication*, University of Vienna
- 2011-2017 Associate Editor, *Biology Letters*
- 2011-2014 Editorial Board, *Interaction Studies, Social Behaviour and Communication in Biological and Artificial Systems*
- 2011-2013 Scientific Advisory Board, *Max Planck Institute for Ornithology*, Seeweisen, Germany
- 2009 President, *Animal Behavior Society*
- 2009 Script Consultant, *Bronx Born Film Productions*
- 2009 Science Fair judge, Brykerwoods Elementary, Austin, Texas
- 2009 External review committee, Biology Department, University of Utah
- 2008 External review committee, Department of Biology, Texas A&M
- 2007-2008 President-elect, *Animal Behavior Society*
- 2007 Organizer, *Winter Animal Behavior Conference*
- 2007 External review committee, Department of Biology, University of Cincinnati
- 2006 Oversight Committee, Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, Harvard University
- 2006-2008 Editorial Board, *Journal of Experimental Zoology Part A: Comparative Experimental Biology*
- 2004-2007 Associate Editor, *The American Naturalist*
- 2003-2004 Advisory Committee, Department of Ecology and Evolution, Columbia University, New York, New York.
- 2003-2004 Advisory Board, *Interaction Studies: Social Behaviour and Communication in Biological and Artificial Systems*
- 2002-2005 Editorial Board, *Annual Review of Ecology and Systematics*
- 2001 External review, School of Biological Sciences, University of California, Irvine
- 1997-1999 Editorial Board, *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology*
- 1997-2000 Editorial Board, *Evolution of Communication*
- 1994-1997 Secretary, *Society for the Study of Evolution*
- 1998 External review, Department of Biology, University of Minnesota
- 1993-1998 Board of Governors, *American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists*
- 1993-1996 Associate Editor, *Evolution*
- 1988-1992 Council of the *Herpetologists League*
- 1986-1991 Board of Governors, *American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists*

Research Grants and Fellowships:

- 2024-2025 National Science Foundation: Conference: Energetics, selection for mating, and ecological innovation (PI J.C. Havird, Co-PI M.J. Ryan)
- 2021-2024 Fonds de Recherche Nature et Technologies (Quebec): Examining universals in music and animal communication to reveal biological foundations of music. (PIs S. Woolley, J. Sakata, I. Peretz, T. O'Donnell, Collaborators: M. Ryan, S. Mehr)
- 2019-2024 National Science Foundation: IOS: Collaborative Research: RUI: Cognitive overload versus enhanced performance: Is more information always better? (PIs R. Taylor, Kim Hunter, M.J. Ryan, R.A. Page)
- 2018 VPR Research & Creative Grant, University of Texas: The creative role of dopamine in the evolution of sexual beauty (PI)
- 2017-2019 Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Studies Program: Multimodal signal evolution: Is more information always better? (PIs R.A. Page, M.J. Ryan, R.C. Taylor, K. Hunter)
- 2012-2016 National Science Foundation: Supplement to Multimodal communication and sexual selection (PIs M.J. Ryan, R.A. Page, R. Taylor)
- 2012-2012 National Science Foundation: Meeting: The Future of Animal Behavior. (PIs J. Strassman, D. Rubenstein)
- 2011-2017 National Science Foundation: Multimodal communication and sexual selection (PIs M.J. Ryan, R.A. Page, R. Taylor; date includes one year no-cost extension)
- 2006-2010 National Science Foundation: Eavesdroppers and signal evolution (sole PI)
- 2005-2006 National Science Foundation- cDNA microarray for studies of sexual communication (sole PI)
- 2006-2008 National Science Foundation- The role of multimodal cue assessment in sexual selection (PI; R. Taylor, Co-PI)
- 2005-2010 National Science Foundation- Neural basis for elaborate male traits (Co-PI; S. Burmeister, PI)
- 2002-2004 Texas Applied Research Program- Ultraviolet communication in swordtails (sole PI)
- 2001-2002 National Science Foundation- Ultraviolet communication in swordtails (sole PI)
- 2001-2005 National Science Foundation- The phylogenetic and functional integration of complex phenotypes regulating social/reproductive interactions (IRCEB) (Co-PI; D. Cannatella PI; W. Wilczynski Co-PI)
- 2000-2004 National Science Foundation- The evolution of acoustic signals of frogs (Co-PI; D. Cannatella PI; D. Hillis Co-PI)
- 1998-2001 National Science Foundation- Historical effects on the evolution of female mating preferences (PI; A.S. Rand Co-PI)
- 1998-1999 Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Studies Program - The evolution of female mating preferences in the túngara frog (Co-PI; A.S. Rand PI)
- 1998-1999 NATO- Maintenance of female sexual preferences in the unisexual molly (Co-PI; J. Páezfal, PI)
- 1996-1999 National Science Foundation- Fish TV: Unraveling the effects of female preferences on correlated characters in pygmy swordtails. (sole PI)

- 1995-1997 National Institute of Mental Health- Neuroethology of social communication. (Co-PI; W. Wilczynski PI)
- 1995-1996 Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Studies Program- The evolution of communication in frogs of the genus *Physalaemus*. (Co-PI; D. Cannatella Co-PI, A. Cardoso Co-PI; A.S. Rand PI)
- 1994-1998 National Science Foundation- The evolution of female mating preferences in the túngara frog (PI; A.S. Rand Co-PI)
- 1994-1995 Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Studies Program- The evolution of female mating preferences in the túngara frog (Co-PI; A.S. Rand PI)
- 1994 University Research Institute (Univ. Texas)- Video animation in studies of sexual selection. (sole PI)
- 1993-1994 National Science Foundation- The evolution of female mating preferences in swordtails. (sole PI)
- 1991-1994 National Science Foundation- Microevolution of acoustic communication in the cricket frog (PI; W. Wilczynski, Co-PI)
- 1991 National Institute of Mental Health Symposium Grant- American Society of Zoology Symposium- Mechanisms of mate choice (Co-PI; W. Wilczynski, PI)
- 1990 University Research Institute (Univ. Texas). Faculty Research Leave- Sexual selection and communication in the *Physalaemus pustulosus* species group. (sole PI)
- 1990 University Research Institute (Univ. Texas)- Sexual selection and communication in the *Physalaemus pustulosus* species group. (sole PI)
- 1989 National Geographic Society- Biogeography of body size polymorphism in *Xiphophorus nigrensis*. (sole PI)
- 1988-1989 Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Studies Program- The sensory basis of sexual selection (Co-PI; A.S. Rand, PI)
- 1987 University Research Institute (Univ. Texas)- Sexual selection and sound localization in the túngara frog. (sole PI)
- 1987 Smithsonian Institution Visiting Researcher Fellowship- Sexual selection and sound localization in the túngara frog. (sole PI)
- 1986 University Research Institute (Univ. Texas)- Sexual selection in swordtails (*Xiphophorus*). (sole PI)
- 1986-1989 National Science Foundation- Microevolution of acoustic communication in the cricket frog (PI; W. Wilczynski, Co-PI)
- 1985 University Research Institute (Univ. Texas)- Environmental bioacoustics in anurans
- 1985 Texas - Peru Partnership (Washington D.C.)- Field collection of bats (*Trachops cirrhosus*) for studies of sound localization (PI; G. Pollak Co-PI).
- 1985 University Research Institute (Univ. Texas)- Acoustical foraging in an Australian bat. (sole PI)
- 1984 University Research Institute (Univ. Texas)- Sound localization in non-tympanic frogs. (sole PI)
- 1983 National Geographic Society- Environmental influences on the evolution of frog vocalizations. (sole PI)
- 1983 National Geographic Society- Bat-frog interactions in Africa (Co-PI, M. Tuttle PI)

- 1982 American Philosophical Society- Synchronized calling in a Neotropical treefrog: mechanisms and evolution. (sole PI)
- 1981-1982 National Institute of Mental Health traineeship- Animal communication and neurophysiology
- 1981 National Geographic Society- Bat-frog interactions (PI, M. Tuttle Co-PI)
- 1979-1980 Smithsonian Institution Predoctoral Fellowship- Sexual selection and communication in a Neotropical frog.
- 1979-1980 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant- Sexual selection and communication in a Neotropical frog
- 1979 Gaige Fund, American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists- Sexual selection and communication in a Neotropical frog. (sole PI)
- 1979 Sigma Xi, Cornell Univ. chapter- Sexual selection and communication in a Neotropical frog. (sole PI)
- 1978 Graduate Student Research Appointment, Smithsonian Institution- Sexual selection and communication in a Neotropical frog.
- 1978 Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Studies Program- Lizard thermoregulation. (sole PI)
- 1975 Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Fund, American Museum of Natural History- Reproductive behavior of the bullfrog. (sole PI)

Teaching Experience:

University of Texas, Austin

- 2014-2022 Animal Behavior
- 2017 Graduate Seminar: Cognitive Ecology
- 2016 Graduate Seminar: Acoustic Communication
- 2012 Graduate Seminar: Sexual Selection and the Brain
- 2009 Signature (Freshman) Course, Sex in the Wild
- 2008 Graduate Seminar: Principles of Brain Evolution
- 2006 Graduate Seminar: Sexual Conflict
- 2005-2014, Fundamentals of Integrative Animal and Behavior
- 2017-2020,
2023
- 2002 Graduate Seminar- Recognition Mechanisms in Plants and Animals
- 2001 Graduate Seminar- Sensory Ecology
- 2000 Graduate Seminar- Cognition, Evolution and Behavior
- 1997 Graduate Seminar- Human Language and Animal Communication
- 1993, 1995 Behavioral Ecology
- 1992 Graduate Seminar- Evolution of Behavior
- 1990-1994,
1996, 1998,
1999 Animal Behavior

1989, 1993, 1997	Herpetology
1987-1988 1994	Graduate Seminar- Advanced Topics in Animal Behavior
1986 1985, 1987, 1991, 1996 1998, 2001- 2008, 2010- 2012, 2014	Graduate Seminar- Graduate Student Seminar in Ecology Animal Communication
1985-1988 1984	Vertebrate Natural History Ecology, Evolution and Society (non-majors)

Other

1983	Graduate seminar- Sexual Selection Theory, University of California, Berkeley
1977-1979	Teaching assistant- General Biology, Cornell University
1976-1977	Teaching assistant- General Biology, Rutgers University
1975	Student teacher- General Biology, Glassboro High School, New Jersey
1975	Dual certification- Biology high school, Science high school, New Jersey

Invited Lectures:

- 2024— Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, celebration of the 100th anniversary of Barro Colorado Island
- 2023— Dartmouth College (Department of Anthropology), Symposium, Human Evolution 150 Years After Darwin, Hanover, New Hampshire; Darwin Day, Duquesne University (Dept. Biological Sciences), Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; University of Chicago, Illinois (Department of Biological Science); University of Wyoming, Laramie (Department of Zoology and Physiology)
- 2022— Brown Symposium, Attraction: The Science and Art of Sex and Romance, Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas (webinar); Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth University, Hanover, New Hampshire (webinar); Transparent Eyeball – Life Discussions, Center for Contemporary Art, Prague (webinar); Frontiers in Social Evolution (FINE) (webinar)
- 2021— Darwin Day, Central Washington University (Biology Department), Wellington (webinar); Speciation Seminar Series, University of California, Berkeley (webinar); University of Toronto (Biology Department) (webinar); XXVI International Course, Biological Bases of Behavior, Tlaxcala, Mexico (webinar); International Conference on Herpetological Biodiversity and Conservation in Eurasian Countries along the Belt and Road, Chengdu, China (webinar)
- 2020— Australian National University (Biology Department) (webinar); University of Nebraska (Biology Department) (webinar)

- 2019— Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Gamboa, Panama; University of California, Santa Barbara (Institute for the Mind); Lone Star College (Writers, Speakers and Ideas & Women's History Month), Kingwood, Texas; University of Arizona (Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology)
- 2018— Book People (bookstore), Austin Texas; Labyrinth (bookstore), Princeton, New Jersey; Houston Museum of Natural Sciences, Houston, Texas; Pacific Science Center, Seattle, Washington; Oregon Museum of Science, Portland, Oregon; Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey; Princeton University (Department of Ecology and Evolution), Princeton, New Jersey; Politics and Prose (bookstore), Washington DC; Animal Sentience workshop, University of Québec, Canada
- 2017— University of Toronto (Biology Department) Mississauga, Canada; Texas A&M (Ecology Evolution and Behavior Program) College Station
- 2015— East Carolina University (Biology Department), Greenville, North Carolina; Edinburgh University (Zoology/Institute of Evolutionary Biology), Scotland, UK; Latin American Herpetology Congress, Cartagena, Colombia; McGill University (Biology Department), Montreal, Canada; Simon Fraser University (Biology Department), Vancouver, Canada; University of British Columbia (Biology Department), Vancouver, Canada; St. Andrews University (Center for Biodiversity), Scotland UK University of Texas at Arlington (Biology Department), Arlington; Winter Animal Behavior Meeting (Steamboat Springs, Colorado).
- 2014— Cornell University (Department of Neurobiology and Behavior), Ithaca NY; James Madison University (Biology Department), Harrisonburg VA; Max Planck Institute, Seewiesen, Germany; North Carolina State University (Keck Center), Raleigh; University of Central Florida (Biology Graduate Student Association-Invited Speaker), Orlando; University of Ghent, Belgium; University of Oklahoma (Biology Department), Norman
- 2013— Colorado State University (Biology Department), Fort Collins; Kellogg Station, Michigan State University, Battle Creek; Nottingham University (School of Biology), Nottingham, United Kingdom; University of Montana, Missoula (Biology Department); University of Texas, Austin (Section of Neurobiology); Uppsala University (Biology Department), Sweden; Winter Animal Behavior Conference, Steamboat, Colorado
- 2012— Bielefeld University (Biology Department) Bielefeld, Germany; Louisiana State University (Museum of Zoology), Baton Rouge, Louisiana; McMaster's University (Biology Department), Toronto; Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama; St. Edwards University (Biology Department), Austin, Texas; Salisbury University (Biology Department), Salisbury, Maryland; Universidad de los Andes (Biology Department), Bogota, Colombia; University of Zurich (Biology Department), Zurich, Switzerland; Winter Animal Behavior Conference, Steamboat, Colorado
- 2011— Animal Behavior Symposium of Mexico, Tlaxcala, Mexico; Baylor University (Biology Department), Waco, Texas; Kellogg Biological Station, East Lansing, Michigan; Michigan State

University (Department of Biology), Lansing; Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin, Germany; Trinity University (Biology Department), San Antonio, Texas; University of Californian (Department of Integrative Biology), Berkeley; University of Californian (Museum of Vertebrate Zoology), Berkeley; University of Kentucky (Department of Biology), Lexington; Univeristy of Vienna (Communication and Cognition Program), Vienna; Winter Animal Behavior Conference, Steamboat, Colorado

2010— University of Missouri (Department of Biological Sciences), Columbus; Universidad Nacional Autonmica (Institute of Ecology), Mexico City, Mexico; University of California, Santa Barbara (Department of Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology), Oklahoma State University (Department of Biology), Stillwater; Winter Animal Behavior Conference, Steamboat, Colorado

2009— Cornell University (Department of Neurobiology and Behavior), Ithaca New York; Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, Ithaca New York; University of Texas (Biology Department), San Antonio; University of Illinois (Biology Department), Champaign-Urbana; University of Vienna (Biology Department), Austria; Max Planck Institute, Seeweisen, Germany

2008— Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (Department of Evolution and Organismic Biology); Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Balboa, Panama; Texas A&M (Department of Biology), College Station; Winter Animal Behavior Conference, Steamboat Springs, Colorado

2007—University of Massachusetts, Amherst (Biology Department); University of Kansas, Lawrence (Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology); Winter Animal Behavior Conference, Steamboat Springs, Colorado; Barro Colorado Island, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama; Department of Biology, Florida State University, Tallahassee; Department of Biology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana; Department of Ecology & Evolution, University of California, Los Angeles; Winter Animal Behavior Conference, Steamboat Springs, Colorado; Department of Biology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior, University of Minneapolis, St. Paul

2006— Boston University (Biology Department), Boston, Massachusetts; University of Memphis, (Biology Department), Memphis, Tennessee; University of Montana, (Biology Department), Missoula, Montana; Institute in Neuroscience, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey; Purdue University (Biology Department), West Lafayette, Indiana; Winter Animal Behavior Conference, Steamboat Springs, Colorado

2005— Columbia University (Dept. Ecology and Evolution) New York, New York; University of California, Berkeley (Dept. Integrative Biology), Berkeley, California

2004— Bucknell University (Biology Dept.), Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; Max Plank Institute, Plön Germany; Trinity University (Biology Dept.), San Antonio, Texas; University of Washington (joint

Biology and Psychology Depts.), Seattle, Washington; University of Alberta (Psychology Depts.), Edmonton, Canada; Winter Animal Behavior Meetings, Breckenridge, Colorado; University of Oklahoma (Zoology Dept.), Norman

2003— Georgia State University (Neuroscience Group), Athens, Georgia; University of Florida, (Dept. of Zoology), Gainesville, Florida; University of Texas (Artificial Intelligence Group, Computer Sciences Dept.), Austin Texas; University of Louisiana (Dept. of Biology), Lafayette, Louisiana

2002— Virginia Tech University (Biology Dept.), Blacksburg, Virginia; University of Zurich (Biology Dept.), Zurich, Switzerland; Cornell University (Dept. of Ecology and Evolution), Ithaca, New York; McMaster University (Dept. of Psychology), Toronto, Canada

2001— Simon Fraser University (Dept. of Ecology and Evolution), Vancouver, Canada; Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Balboa, Panama; University of California- Los Angeles (Behavioral Ecology Symposium Series), Los Angeles, California; University of Tennessee (Dept. of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior), Knoxville, Tennessee; University of Wurzburg (Biocentrum), Wurzburg, Germany

2000— University of California- Davis (Animal Behavior Program), Davis, California; University of California (Depts. of Psychology and Ecology & Evolution), La Jolla, California; University of California (Dept. of Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology), Santa Barbara, California; University of Pittsburgh (Dept. of Biological Sciences), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Florida International University (Dept. of Biology), Miami, Florida; Michigan State University (Dept. of Zoology), East Lansing, Michigan; Southwestern University (Biology Dept.), Georgetown, Texas; Texas A&M (Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife) College Station, Texas

1999— Baylor University (Biology Dept.), Waco, Texas; Institute of Science (Biology Dept.), Bangalore, India; University of Arizona (Dept. of Ecology and Evolution), Tucson, Arizona; Harvard University (Dept. of Organismal and Evolutionary Biology), Cambridge, Massachusetts; University of Maryland (Dept. of Biology), College Park, Maryland; University of North Carolina (Dept. of Zoology), Chapel Hill, North Carolina

1998— Arizona State University (Biology Dept.), Phoenix, Arizona; Indiana University (Center for Integrative Studies in Animal Behavior), Bloomington, Indiana; University of Texas (Nonlinear Dynamics Group, Physics Dept.), Austin, Texas; University of Texas (Biology Dept.), Brownsville, Texas

1997— Cairns University (Biology Dept.), Cairns, Australia; James Cook University (Dept. of Zoology and Tropical Biology), Townsville, Australia; University of California- Davis (Center for Animal Behavior), Davis, California; University of California- Berkeley (Museum of Vertebrate Zoology), Berkeley, California; University of Chicago (Dept. of Ecology and Evolution), Chicago, Illinois; University of Oregon (Dept. of Zoology), Corvallis, Oregon

- 1996— University of Chicago (Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology), Chicago, Illinois; Museo Specola, University of Florence, Florence, Italy
- 1995— Michigan State University (Kellogg Biological Station), Hickory Corners, Michigan; Southeastern Louisiana University (Dept. of Biology), Hammond, Louisiana; University of Washington (Dept. of Biology), St. Louis, Missouri
- 1994— University of Canterbury (Dept. of Zoology), Christchurch, New Zealand; Florida State University (Dept. of Biological Sciences), Tallahassee, Florida; University of Otago (Dept. of Zoology), Dunedin, New Zealand; Royal Society of New Zealand, Christchurch, New Zealand; University of Texas (Dept. of Zoology), Arlington, Texas; University of Utah (Biology Dept.), Salt Lake City, Utah
- 1993— State University of New York (Dept. of Biological Sciences), Albany, New York; University of Houston (Biology Dept.), Houston, Texas; Universidad Autómico de México (Centro de Ecología), Mexico City, Mexico; University of Washington (Zoology Dept.), Seattle, Washington
- 1992— Cornell University (Section of Neurobiology and Behavior), Ithaca, New York; University of California- Davis (Animal Behavior Program) Davis, California; University of North Carolina (Biology Dept.), Chapel Hill, North Carolina; University of Toronto (Biology Dept.), Toronto, Ontario
- 1991— Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Balboa, Panama; University of Basel (Zoology Institute), Basel, Switzerland; University of Bern (Zoology Institute), Bern, Switzerland; Marine Science Institute, University of Texas, Port Aransas, Texas; University of Zurich (Zoology Institute), Zurich, Switzerland
- 1990— Harvard University (Organismal and Evolutionary Biology Dept.), Cambridge, Massachusetts; Princeton University (Biology Dept.), Princeton, New Jersey; Universidad de Católica (Biology Dept.), Quito, Ecuador
- 1989— Duke University (Zoology Dept.), Durham, North Carolina; Memphis State University (Zoology Dept.), Memphis, Tennessee; Rhodes College (Biology Dept.), Memphis, Tennessee; University of Wyoming (Zoology Dept.), Laramie, Wyoming; Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
- 1988— Arizona State University (Zoology Dept.), Tempe, Arizona; Creighton University (Biology Dept.), Omaha, Nebraska; Kansas State University (Zoology Dept.), Manhattan, Kansas; Max Planck Institute, Seeweisen, West Germany; University of Missouri (Biology Dept.), Columbus, Missouri; Texas Christian University (Biology Dept.), Dallas, Texas.
- 1987— Baylor University (Biology Dept.), Waco, Texas; National Institutes of Health (Brain Evolution and Behavior Section), Poolesville, Maryland; University of California- Santa Barbara (Dept. of

- Biological Sciences), Santa Barbara, California; University of Kentucky (Zoology Dept.), Lexington, Kentucky; University of Oklahoma (Zoology Dept.), Norman, Oklahoma; Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Balboa, Panama; State University of New York (Biology Dept.), Stony Brook, New York
- 1986— Princeton University (Biology Dept.), Princeton, New Jersey; University of California- Riverside (Biology Dept.), Riverside, California; University of Munich (Zoology Institute), Munich, West Germany; Technical University of Munich (Zoology Institute), Munich, West Germany
- 1985— Harvard University (Biology Dept.), Cambridge, Massachusetts; Rice University (Biology Dept.), Houston, Texas; Savannah River Ecology Lab, Aiken, South Carolina
- 1984— California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, California; Cambridge University (Sub-dept. Animal Behaviour), Cambridge, England; University of California- Berkeley, (Museum of Vertebrate Zoology), Berkeley, California; University of Washington (Zoology Dept.), Seattle, Washington; University of Kansas (Museum of Natural History), Lawrence, Kansas; University of Houston (Biology Dept.), Houston, Texas
- 1983— San Francisco State University (Biology Dept.), San Francisco, California; Sonoma State University (Biology Dept.), Rohnert Park, California; University of California- Davis (Zoology Dept.), Davis, California; University of Chicago (Biology Dept.), Chicago, Illinois; University of Illinois (Dept. Ecology, Ethology, Evolution), Urbana, Illinois; University of Missouri (Biology Dept.), Columbia, Missouri
- 1982— Arizona State University (Zoology Dept.), Tempe, Arizona; Cornell University (Neurobiology and Behavior), Ithaca, New York; University of California- Berkeley (Zoology Dept.), Berkeley, California; University of California- Berkeley (Museum of Vertebrate Zoology), Berkeley, California; University of California- Los Angeles (Biology Dept.), Los Angeles, California; University of Texas- Austin, (Zoology Dept.), Austin, Texas
- 1981— National Zoological Park, Washington, D.C.; Rockefeller University Field Research Center, Millbrook, New York; Rutgers University (Zoology and Physiology Dept.), Newark, New Jersey; Rutgers University (Institute of Animal Behavior), Newark, New Jersey; Syracuse University (Biology Dept.), Syracuse, New York
- 1980— Audubon Society, Balboa, Panama; Cornell University (Neurobiology and Behavior), Ithaca, New York; Sienna College (Biology Dept.), Albany, New York; Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Balboa, Panama; State University of New York- Albany (Biology Dept.), Albany, New York; U.S. National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C.

Plenary/Distinguished Lectures, Invited Symposia, and Workshops:

- 2023 *Darwin and Human Evolution Symposium*, Dartmouth College
- 2022 Brown Symposium, *Attraction: The Science and Art of Sex and Romance*, Southwestern University, Georgetown Texas
- 2021 *International Conference on Herpetological Biodiversity and Conservation in Eurasian Countries along the Belt and Road*, Chengdu, China (webinar)
- 2019 *Writers, Speakers and Ideas & Women's History Month*, Lone Star College, Kingwood
- 2019 *Institute for the Mind*, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2018 *Hot Science Cool Talks*, University of Texas, Austin
- 2018 *Institute for Cognitive Sciences*, Animal Sentience Symposium, Montréal, Canada
- 2017 *Carl Gans Memorial Lecture*, Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologist, Austin, Texas
- 2017 *Cognitive Ecology Symposium*, Animal Behavior Society, Toronto, Canada
- 2015 *International Bioacoustics Congress*, Murnau, Germany
- 2015 *Burroughs Wellcome Lecture*, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina
- 2015 *Marsden Lecture*, McGill University, Montreal, Canada
- 2014 *Symposium—Sensory Exploitation and Cultural Attractors*, University of Ghent, Ghent, Belgium
- 2014 *Symposium—Frog Communication*, International Society for the Study of Behavioral Ecology, New York City
- 2014 *Keck Institute- Distinguished Speaker*, North Carolina State University, Raleigh
- 2013 *Renaissance Weekend*, Strange Attractions, Monterey CA
- 2012 *Immelman Lecture*, University of Bielefeld, Germany
- 2011 *Symposium (organizer) What Do Animal Signals Mean?* Joint Meeting of Animal Behavior Society & International Ethology Congress, Bloomington IN
- 2011 *Symposium—Neuroecology*, Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2011 *Southwest Association of Naturalist*, after-dinner lecture, *The Natural History of Natural Beauty*, Denton, Texas
- 2010 *Storer Lecture*, University of California, Davis
- 2009 *Animal Communication Workshop*, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2009 *First Friday's—Darwin's Revolution*, LA County Museum, Los Angeles
- 2009 *Atwood Lecture*, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
- 2008 *Plenary Lecture, VII Latin American Herpetological Congress*, Havana, Cuba
- 2008 *Integrative Studies in Animal Communication*, International Congress in Zoology, Paris, France
- 2008 *Information and Representation in Signaling using Sound*, Center for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology, Atlanta
- 2008 *Dean's Scholars Lecture*, University of Texas, Austin
- 2008 *Signature Lecture*, University of Texas, Austin
- 2008 *Grinnell Medal Lecture*, University of Californian, Berkeley
- 2008 *Sinauer Lecture*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2007 *Keynote Address* Konnevesi Research Retreat, Univesirty of Javaskala, Finland

- 2007 *Keynote Address BENELUX Zoological Congress*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2007 *Keynote Address 10th Annual Biology Research Symposium*, University of California, Los Angeles, California
- 2007 *Keynote Address, Center for Integrative Studies in Animal Behavior Symposium*, University of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana
- 2006 *Symposium-- Sensory Ecology*, Animal Behavior Society, Snowbird, Utah
- 2004 *Symposium-- Sexual Selection in Túngara Frogs*, Animal Behavior Society, Oaxaca, Mexico (symposium organizer)
- 2004 *Plenary Lecture: Phylogenies and Behavior*, Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour, London
- 2004 *Allen L. Edwards Endowed Lectureship in Psychology*, University of Washington, Seattle
- 2004 *Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series in Psychology*, University of Alberta, Canada
- 2003 *The Swordtail Alphabet: From P to U to V. First European Meeting of Poeciliid Biologists*, Zurich, Switzerland
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- 1997 *Sexual Selection and Phylogenetics*, Animal Behavior Society, College Park, Maryland (with D. McLennan)
- 1996 *Experimental Approaches to Evolution*, Japanese Research Development Corporation, Tokyo, Japan
- 1996 *Associates Meeting*, Institute of Neurosciences, La Jolla, California
- 1995 *Recognition: from Cell to Species*. Research NSF Training Grant Workshop, University of California, Davis, California
- 1995 *Distinguished Ecologist Lecture*. Louisiana Ecology Consortium. Hammond, Louisiana
- 1995 *Distinguished Herpetologist Lecture*. Herpetologists' League, Edmonton, Canada
- 1995 *Plenary Lecture: Historical Studies of Communication Systems*. (European) Animal Behavior Society, Leiden, The Netherlands
- 1995 *Gompertz Lecture*. Department of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley
- 1994 *Phylogenetics in the Study of Behavior*. Animal Behavior Society, Seattle, Washington

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- 1993 *Sexual Selection in Ectotherms* (organizer). American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, Austin, Texas
- 1993 *Biology of Latin American Fishes*. American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, Austin, Texas
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