

**VITAE  
of  
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**TITLE:** Regent's Fellow, Professor and Extension  
Wildlife and Fisheries Specialist

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**APPOINTMENT:** 100% Extension

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<b>EDUCATION:</b>	Bachelor of Science	Texas A&M University	1977
	Master of Science	Tennessee Tech University	1979
	Ph.D Forestry	Stephen F. Austin State University	1991

**EXPERIENCE:** 1981-Present - Extension Wildlife & Fisheries Specialist, TAMU-Overton  
1979-1981 - Fisheries Biologist, Florida Game & Fish Commission  
1978-1979 - Fisheries Biologist, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

**AREAS OF  
EXPERTISE:**

1. Wildlife conservation and management on private lands
2. Fisheries conservation and management on private lands
3. Aquaculture
4. Youth Education in natural resources conservation and management  
via the use of multi-media school enrichment modules

**PROFESSIONAL  
ACTIVITIES:**

Texas Chapter - American Fisheries Society  
American Fisheries Society  
Texas Chapter-The Wildlife Society  
The Wildlife Society  
Outdoor Writer's Association of America  
Texas Outdoor Writers' Association  
Texas Wildlife Association (board member)  
Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals

**PROFESSIONAL  
HONORS AND  
AWARDS:**

2008-Texas Chapter-Wildlife Society	Outstanding Popular Article
2007-TAMU System Board of Regents	Regent's Fellow Designation
2007-Texas Forestry Association	Cooperative Extension Award
2006-.Assoc. Nat. Res. Ext. Professionals	Team Award
2006- Texas County Ag. Agent's Assoc.	Specialist of the Year
2005- Assoc. Nat. Res. Ext. Professionals	Publications Award
2005- Assoc. Nat. Res. Ext. Professionals	Multi-Media Award
2001 - Texas Chapter-Wildlife Society	Multi-Media Award
2000 - American Fisheries Society	Excellence in Public Outreach
2000 - Texas A&M University	Brazos Bravo Team Award
1999 - TAMUS-COALS	Vice-Chancellor's Award
1999 - 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association	Meritorious Service Award
1998 - The Wildlife Society	Group Achievement Award
1998 - Build East Texas	Excellence in Agriculture
1997 - Texas Parks and Wildlife	Conservation Award
1996 - Texas Chapter - Am. Fish. Society	Educator of the Year
1996 - Texas Chapter - Wildlife Society	Educator of the Year
1996 - Texas Aquaculture Association	Educator of the Year
1995 - Professional Agricultural Workers	Outstanding Leadership Award
1995 - Quail Unlimited	Nat. Youth/Conservation Award
1994 - Texas Agricultural Ext. Service	Superior Service Award
1991 - Cooperative Extension Program	Outstanding Specialist
1991 - Cooperative Extension Program	New Achiever Award
1986 - Texas Chapter-Am. Fish. Society	Outstanding Fisheries Worker

**GRANTS AND  
CONTRACTS:**

87 funded as Principal Investigator for \$1,207,972  
10 funded as Co-Principal Investigator/Cooperator for \$1,813,692

**PUBLICATIONS:**

4-H Wildlife and Fisheries School Enrichment Multimedia Modules - 8  
Extension Bulletins, Fact Sheets, Monographs, Commodity Reports - 48  
Interactive CD-ROMS - 6  
Proceedings Papers - 20  
Peer-Reviewed Articles, Publications and Abstracts - 23  
Invited Presentations/Abstracts - 42  
Popular Articles - 98  
Slide Sets/PowerPoint Presentations - 23

**GRADUATE  
STUDENTS:**

Served on 24 graduate student committees at TAMU and SFASU (1991-2009)

**COURSES  
TAUGHT:**

Team taught "Visualizing Biodiversity" at Texas A&M in 2003-2004.  
"Fisheries Management in Private Impoundments" graduate course taught in  
1997, 2000, 2002, 2006 and 2008 at Stephen F. Austin State University. Guest  
Lecturer in numerous courses at SFASU and TAMU. **(updated 9/2009)**