

Merriam Award Committee

Committee Members: Sharon Jansa (chair), Jesus Maldonado, Christine Maher, Renan Maestri, and Mike Willig

Mission: The C. Hart Merriam Award recognizes eminent scholars who have made outstanding contributions to research in mammalogy over a period of at least 10 years. The purpose of this committee is to solicit nominations for this award and to select a recipient. The recipient will be announced during the Closing Social and Awards Ceremony the 2023 Annual Meeting. The recipient will be invited to present a plenary lecture at the annual meeting the following year, and will be invited to prepare a review paper for potential publication in the *Journal of Mammalogy*.

Information Items:

1. A recipient for the 2023 Merriam Award was selected by the committee and forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval. The recipient will be announced during the joint meeting of the International Federation of Mammalogists and the American Society of Mammalogists in Anchorage, AK.
2. The committee recommends that competitive candidates from this year's competition be automatically rolled forward for consideration next year. Nominators will be given the chance to update the nomination package with a new CV and letters, but an entirely new nomination package will not be required.

Action Items

1. No budget is requested, as costs for the award statue and name plate are now tracked by VP Janet Rachlow

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Jansa (Chair)