

2014 Award Recipients

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The Benton H. Box Award

The Award is named in appreciation of Dr. Box's distinguished career as an educator/administrator, especially as Dean of the College of Forest and Recreation Resources at Clemson University, which he led to national and international recognition for academic excellence and for leadership in fostering private innovation in resource management. The Award recognizes the teacher who by precept and example inspires in students the quest for knowledge; or the administrator who fosters a learning environment and encourages curriculum innovation to inculcate an "environmental ethic" as the rule of conduct involving resource management, development and utilization; or the private practitioner whose management over a sustained period demonstrates leadership in preserving, enhancing, renewing and restoring a livable environment.

The Benton H. Box Award was co-awarded to Dr. John Seidensticker and Dr. Susan Lumpkin for recognition as a private practitioner who by precept and example inspires in students the quest for knowledge and encourages curriculum innovation to inculcate an "environmental ethic" as the rule of conduct.



Picture l. to r. Dr. Robert Baldwin, Co-winners Dr. Susan Lumpkin and Dr. John Seidensticker of the Benton H. Box Award, Trishna Dutta, and Sandeep Sharma.

Dr. John Seidensticker is Head of the Conservation Ecology Center of the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and has been working to study and conserve wild tigers, leopards, giant pandas, sloth bears, and other carnivores since the 1960s. John pioneered the use of radio telemetry to study large, wide-ranging species and was the first to use it to study wild tigers and leopards in Asia. Most recently, he and his students used genetic analysis to document the importance of forest corridors to tigers and leopards in the Central Indian Highlands. He has served as the Senior Independent Advisor to the Global Tiger Initiative (GTI) and a member of the GTI core team, guiding the strategy to double the number of wild tigers. Earlier he served as Chairman of the Save the Tiger Fund Council. He is considered one of the world's most prominent tiger conservationists.

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Dr. Susan Lumpkin has more than 30 years of experience advocating for wildlife conservation through her writing on species from rabbits to giant pandas and tigers. Since 2009, she has been senior writer/editor for the Global Tiger Initiative, where she has helped—as writer, editor, and message shaper—craft nearly every word of every document published by the GTI. She was chief drafter of the St. Petersburg Declaration on Tiger

Conservation, the Global Tiger Recovery Program, and the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Plan. Previously she was for 20 years communications director at Friends of the National Zoo. Susan is author, co-author, or editor of 15 books and more than 100 scientific and popular articles on wildlife and conservation. She has traveled extensively, particularly in Asia, to observe and document conservation initiatives in action. She earned her Ph.D. in animal behavior at Duke University.

The William C. Everhart Award

The Award is named in appreciation of the distinguished career of Bill Everhart as field interpreter, researcher, administrator, author, and creator of the National Park Service's Harpers Ferry Center for creative design and communication, which has received national and international recognition for excellence. The Award recognizes sustained achievements during a career or in a specific episode that illuminate, provide creative insights to, and that foster an appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage.

The William C. Everhart Award was awarded to Dr. Martha Monroe for recognition of sustained achievements during a career or in a specific episode that illuminate, provide creative insights to, and that foster an appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage.

Dr. Martha Monroe is an international leader in environmental education research and practice. She is a professor at the University of Florida's School of Forest Resources and Conservation and teaches courses that focus on natural resource management and environmental education. Over the course of her career she has led nature hikes for children, trained Peace Corps Volunteers in Tonga, evaluated zoo exhibits in Florida, and developed programs on wildfire, biomass



Dr. Brett Wright presented Dr. Martha Monroe with the 2014

energy, climate change, and household hazardous waste. She is passionate about engaging people in environmental decision-making. To that end, she develops opportunities that motivate people to learn, understand, and do something.

Her position in the School of Forest Resources and Conservation enables her to work across disciplinary boundaries to address current and meaningful environmental issues. She led a team of engineers, economists, foresters, and outreach specialists in a four-year effort to explore the use of wood for energy in the southern wildland-urban interface. She is currently on the management team of a large, interdisciplinary and integrated research and outreach project exploring climate change and southern pine production. The regional team includes over 50 faculty and another 50 graduate students from 11 institutions. Her leadership of the education team has resulted in the development of a 14-activity secondary science module for biology and environmental science teachers and several research activities.

Dr. Monroe's work with graduate students and colleagues ranges from tracking communication patterns in small villages in Botswana, assessing learning about forest management in Bolivia, and understanding management options for goliath grouper – an enormous endangered fish in the Gulf of Mexico. Each of these examples demonstrates her interest in better understanding how people perceive their environment and how we can better engage them in behaviors that support sustainability.

Dr. Monroe has published eight books, 25 book chapters, over 55 scholarly articles, and over 100 Extension publications to accompany her programs.

The Walter T. Cox Award

The Award is so named in appreciation of Dr. Cox's distinguished career in education and public service, especially his tenure as President of Clemson University and as the Director of the Santee-Cooper Authority. The Award recognizes sustained achievement in public service on the firing line, where

the public interest meets the private interest in public policy formulation and administration; distinguished leadership and support of innovation in conflict resolution of policy initiatives that enhance the quality of life; personal achievements during a career or in a specific episode that provides inspiration and leadership to others in serving the above purposes.

The Walter T. Cox Award was awarded to Dave Harmon for sustained achievement in public service providing leadership in administration of public lands and for policy formation affecting our natural and cultural resources.



Dr. Brett Wright presents Dave Harmon with the Walter T. Cox Award.

Dave Harmon is executive director of the George Wright Society, a professional association of researchers, resource managers, administrators, and educators working on behalf of parks, protected areas, and cultural sites. He is responsible for overseeing the Society's operations, including co-editing the GWS journal, The George Wright Forum, and helping plan the Society's biennial conferences. A member of the GWS since 1985, Dave began working for the organization in 1990 and served as deputy executive director until being named executive director in 1998. He is active in IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas. He also maintains an active research interest in the relationship between biological and cultural diversity, having co-founded the NGO Terralingua, which is devoted to that subject. Dave has co-edited several volumes on protected area conservation, including *The Antiquities Act: A Century of American Archaeology, Historic Preservation, and Nature Conservation* (with Francis P. McManamon and Dwight T. Pitcaithley), *The Full Value of Parks: From Economics to the Intangible* (with Allen D. Putney), and *Managing Mountain Protected Areas: Challenges and Responses for the 21st Century* (with Graeme Worboys). He is also the author of *Mirror of America: Literary Encounters with the National Parks* and *In Light of Our*

The Dwight A. Holder Award

The Award is named in honor of Mr. Holder's illustrious career as an entrepreneur and public servant. As Chairman of the South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission he led South Carolina's parks into a new era of service to the people of South Carolina and the nation. The Award recognizes outstanding work by doctoral candidates in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management; a member of the Department faculty for original research, scholarly writing, and innovative and inspired teaching; the faculty adviser and graduate student as a team, for initiatives that foster understanding of and provide new insights into the promotion, management, wise use and enjoyment of South Carolina's natural and cultural heritage in perpetuity; and distinguished academic leadership by a member of the Department faculty. (Mr. Holder passed away in Spring 2006).

The Dwight A. Holder Award was awarded to Dr. Karen Waldrop, for outstanding work and sustained achievement that foster understanding, wise use, and conservation of natural and cultural resources.

Dr. Karen Waldrop is the Deputy Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Karen Waldrop's love of wildlife and conservation began at a young age and she has maintained this passion throughout her career. During her educational and professional career, she has worked with multiple wildlife species including white-tailed deer, elk, reptiles, and amphibians and on a variety of projects focusing wildlife disease issues, habitat based forest management, and



Dr. Karen Waldrop received the Dwight A. Holder Award, but was

restoration efforts. She received a BS from

unable to attend. Dr. Greg Yarrow
accepted on her behalf.

University of Georgia in

Wildlife Biology and Forestry, and a MS from UGA in 1999
in Wildlife Biology. She earned her doctorate from
Clemson University in 2004, where she studied parasite
and disease issues associated with elk restoration in
Kentucky. Following graduation, she continued to study elk
with the University of Kentucky.



Dr. Karen Waldrop
received the Dwight
A. Holder Award at
the 2014 George B.
Hartzog, Jr. Awards
luncheon.

She began her career with the Kentucky Department of
Fish and Wildlife Resources in 2005 as the agency's first
Research Coordinator. In 2007, she became the Director of
the Wildlife Division. In this role, she was responsible for
long-range planning and policy development for the
division, as well as overseeing statewide and regional

programs for wildlife, including game species, migratory birds, furbearers,
endangered species and land management. She held that position for 8
years. In 2014 she was named Deputy Commissioner of the Kentucky
Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Finally, Karen is an avid hunter
and angler and enjoys hiking, camping, golf, and just about anything else in
the outdoors.

The Fran P. Mainella Award

The Award is named in appreciation of the dynamic career of Fran Mainella
as the first woman Director of the National Park Service. As Director, she
focused some of her many efforts on creating systems of connected parks
and developing innovative partnerships to expand services. Director Mainella
was previously the Director of the Florida State Park Service and the
Executive Director of the Florida Recreation and Park Association. The Award
recognized sustained and innovative achievement by a woman in the
management of North America's natural, historic or cultural heritage.

The Robert G. Stanton Award

The Award is named in appreciation of the remarkable career of Robert Stanton as the first African-American Director of the National Park Service. Among the many accomplishments of Director Stanton was expansion of the interpretation of diverse cultural meanings inherent in National Parks and increased participation by racial and ethnic minorities as both visitors and employees. The Award recognized sustained and innovative achievement by a member of a racial or ethnic minority in the management of North America's natural, historic and cultural heritage.

The Robert G. Stanton Award was awarded to Michael A. Allen for sustained and innovative achievements in promoting racial or ethnic diversity in the management of North America's natural, historic and cultural heritage.



Dr. Michael Allen was presented the Robert G. Stanton Award by Robert Stanton, former director of NPS.

Dr. Michael A. Allen grew up in Kingstree, South Carolina, and is a 1982 graduate of South Carolina State College with a degree in History Education. He began his public career as a Cooperative Education Student with the National Park Service in 1980. Michael has served as a Park Ranger, Education Specialist and now is the Community Partnership Specialist for The Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor/Fort Sumter National Monument and Charles Pinckney National Historic Site.

He played a role in the National Park Service's Gullah-Geechee Special Resource Study which began in 2000, as well as the establishment of the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor in 2006 and the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Commission in 2007. In addition he led the efforts to develop the corridor's Management plan which was completed in 2012.

Michael has also been involved in designing exhibits and presenting

interpretive programs to attract non-traditional audiences to National Park Service sites. He was instrumental in 1999, in erecting the "African Importation Historic Marker" on Sullivan Island; in 2008 he assisted the Toni Morrison Society in erecting a "Bench by the Road" at Fort Moultrie. Finally in 2009 he was instrumental in unveiling "African Passages" an exhibit which highlights the African arrival, presence and contributions to American society. He recently was re-appointed to the South Carolina Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, which oversees the observance of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

He is a founding Board Member of the International African American Museum, a founding member and former Vice President of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission, past Treasurer for the South Carolina Council for African American studies, board member for The African American Historical Alliance, and the Sweetgrass Cultural Arts Festival Association. On June 2013, Michael Allen received the Historic Preservation Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award from the Governor of SC Office. He was presented with the SC State University Distinguished Alumnus Award in March 2014.

Finally Michael's motto is, "to understand the present and move toward the future, you must first know and accept your past."

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