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Dr. Michael L. Kennedy is the director of the Edward J. Meeman Biological Station and professor of biology at Memphis State University. His professional interests include mammalogy, ecology, wildlife, systematics, and field biology. He enjoys all aspects of academy life including research, teaching, administration, and professional service.

A native of Henderson County, Tennessee, Dr. Kennedy attended high school in Memphis. He completed his B.S. and M.S. degrees at Memphis State University and the Ph. D. at the University of Oklahoma. He credits much of his professional success to teachers he encountered at those institutions, especially major professors Dr. A.E. Perry (Memphis State University) and Dr. Gary D. Schnell (University of Oklahoma), and to his wife, Dr. Phyllis K. Kennedy.

Dr. Kennedy joined the Department of Biology at Memphis State University as an assistant professor in 1974. Since that time he has taught a number of graduate and undergraduate courses. He has especially enjoyed field courses taught in Mexico. He has graduated 26 graduate students (20 M.S. and six Ph. D.) and currently directs 15 students at the M.S. or Ph. D. level. Dr. Kennedy feels especially fortunate to have worked with a large number of truly outstanding graduate students. His direction to students has been to "work hard" and remember that "rewards go to the finishers."

Research has been a primary focus for Dr. Kennedy since his arrival at Memphis State. He feels research and teaching are inseparable in many areas of biology. His research productivity has resulted in an internationally recognized program in mammalogy. Included in his research productivity are numerous publications in the scientific literature. He has published 77 scientific papers in refereed journals (the first was in the *J. Tennessee Acad. Sci.*) and 20 nonrefereed papers. Most of these works relate to mammalian ecology and systematics. He has several years of experience working with carnivores and has special interest in most nongame species. He is currently working on a book relating to the mammals of Tennessee. He spends much of his time at the Edward J. Meeman Biological Station.

Dr. Kennedy is a member of 19 professional societies and has served on numerous boards and committees. For example, he has served on the executive board and as president of the Tennessee chapter of The Wildlife Society. He has served on the board of governors of The Southwestern Association of Naturalists and on the board of directors of The American Society of Mammalogists. He has been a member of seven different standing committees for the American Society of Mammalogists. He served as the managing editor of *The Southwestern Naturalist* for five years.



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Honors and awards have included such recognition as the Orhenburger Award presented by the Oklahoma chapter of Phi Sigma in 1972; A.N. Bragg Award in Natural History presented by the department of zoology at the University of Oklahoma (1973); seven Memphis State University sponsored programs awards received since 1984; the Outstanding Wildlife Publication Award presented by the Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society in 1988; Wildlife Professional of the Year awarded by the Tennessee chapter of The Wildlife Society in 1990-91; the Robert L. Packard Outstanding Educator Award presented in 1990-91 by the Southwestern Association of Naturalists.

During the 18 years that Dr. Kennedy has been a member of TAS, he and his students have presented over 60 papers at annual meetings. He has served as chairman of zoology sections, member of the membership committee, zoology editor, member-at-large of the executive committee, and president-elect. He was named a Fellow of the Tennessee Academy of Science in 1985. On 1 January 1992, he assumed the presidency of the Academy.