



THE ALISON HASKELL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HERPETOFAUNAL CONSERVATION

2023 Nomination Announcement

About the Award: This Award is presented annually by Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (PARC), in memory of Alison Haskell (1956 – 2006), who was the first National Federal Coordinator for PARC. The award recognizes an individual who conducts work in an active PARC area (Fig. 1) and exemplifies extraordinary commitment to herpetofaunal conservation, as did Alison. Award recipients will receive \$1,000 in cash and an engraved, commemorative plaque. Please visit <http://parcplace.org/about/parc-awards/the-alison-haskell-award/> to learn more about the award and past recipients.

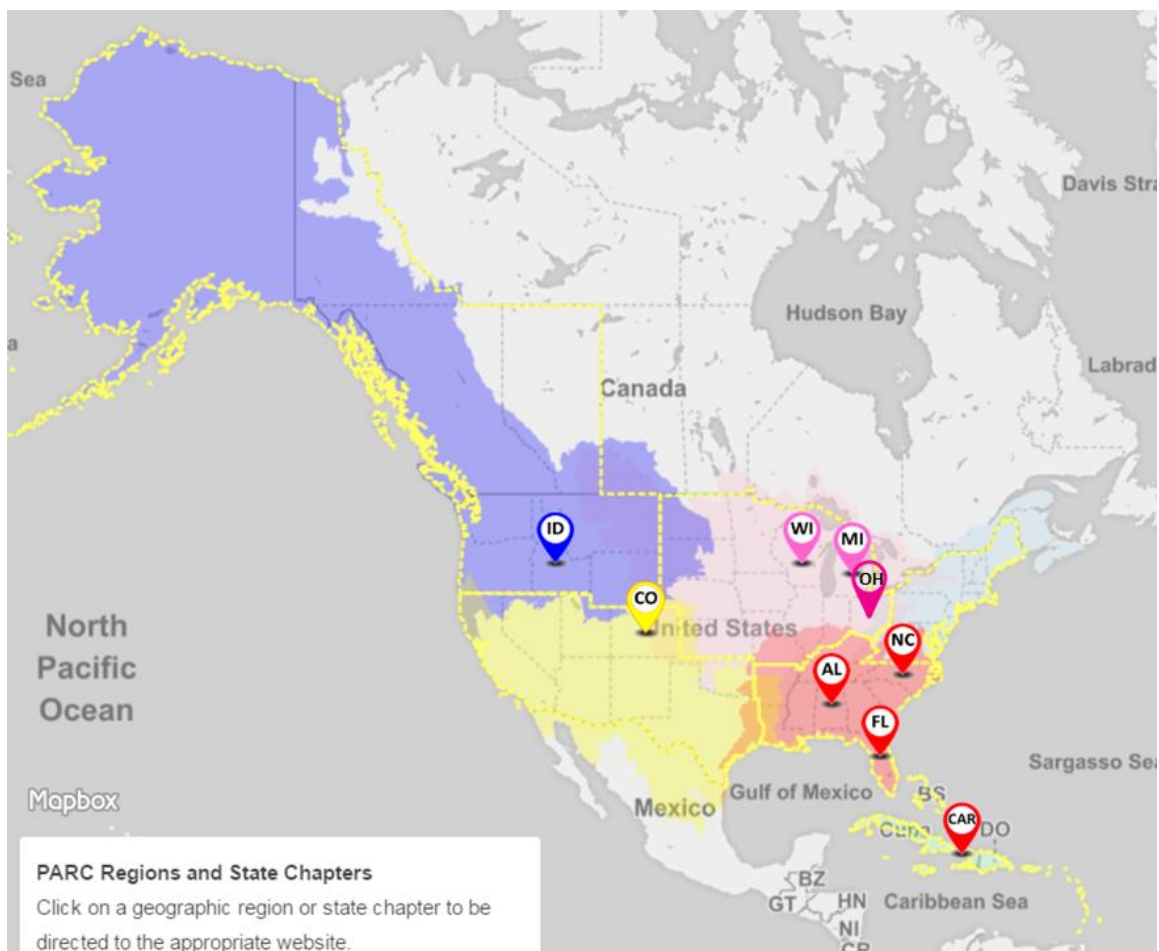


Figure 1. Map showing active PARC areas outlined in yellow.

Eligibility:

At this time, only U.S. citizens are eligible for receiving the cash award associated with the Alison Haskell Award. Current JNSC members (Table 1.) are not eligible to receive the Alison Haskell Award.

Award Criteria:

Nominations may be submitted for others, or self-submitted, and must meet **one or more** of the following criteria:

1. Any person who has displayed exemplary commitment to building or strengthening partnerships: (1) with stakeholders outside the individual's agency or organization, (2) with non-traditional stakeholders (i.e., stakeholders with whom an individual or agency did not previously interact), or (3) that promoted efficiencies in herpetofaunal conservation.
2. Any person who has displayed distinguished career-long contributions to partnerships and herpetofaunal conservation.
3. Special consideration will be given to any person who has exhibited tenacious effort, leadership and professionalism in a manner that is inspiring to their peers, and who has been overlooked by other means of acclaim.

PARC is committed to our Core Value of Inclusivity and Collaboration including a strategic goal of enhancing inclusion and equity within the herpetofaunal conservation community. PARC strives to provide inclusive spaces and a diverse network for participating in herpetofaunal conservation. Further, PARC's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Team works to bring equity and inclusion to all aspects of PARC. In addition to meeting one of more of the three criteria listed above, the Nomination must also include:

4. A statement regarding the Nominee's perspective, experience, or contributions to increase diversity and advance inclusion of under-represented groups of people in herpetofaunal conservation.

Nominees must observe and uphold the highest standards of scientific integrity and professional behavior, and must uphold [PARC's Code of Ethics and Meeting Code of Conduct](#):

Nominee:

Name:
Mailing Address:
PARC Area(s) in Which the Nominee Conducts Work:
Phone:
Email:

Nominated by:

Name:
Address:
PARC Region:

Phone:

Email:

Nomination:

Please adhere to the word and page limits, or the nomination will not be considered.

1. **In 100 words or less**, describe how the nominee has fostered herpetofaunal conservation.
2. **In 300 words or less**, provide examples of how the nominee has displayed an exemplary commitment to building or strengthening partnerships.
3. **In 150 words or less**, describe how such partnerships significantly improved herpetofaunal conservation.
4. **In 150 words or less**, describe the nominee's perspective, experience, or contributions to increase diversity and advance inclusion of under-represented groups of people in herpetofaunal conservation.
5. [OPTIONAL] **Using no more than 5 pages total**, you may provide a letter or letters of support. This page limit is inclusive of signatures (i.e., you cannot submit a 5-page letter with 2 pages of signatures for 7 pages total). Required format: 12-point font and 1-inch margins.

Please note that nominees are evaluated on the merit of the nomination, not on the number of letters of support or the number of supporting signatures per each letter.

Submission:

Please send the completed nomination package to haskellaward@parcplace.org.

Deadline for submission: Extended to Dec 14, 2022

Nominations received after this date and incomplete forms will not be considered. The award winner will be notified by late-January 2023.

Selection Process:

PARC JNSC members (Table 1.) will review nominations, evaluate carefully against the criteria, and vote anonymously to determine the selection.

Table 1. Current voting members on PARC's Joint National Steering Committee.

JNSC MEMBER	PARC ROLE	TITLE AND AFFILIATION
<u>Executive Committee</u>		
Becca Cozad	JNSC Senior Co-chair	Research Biologist, Nokuse Plantation
Daren Riedle	JNSC Junior Co-chair	Wildlife Diversity Coordinator, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism
Brian Zarate	JNSC Co-chair Ex-Officio	Senior Zoologist, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, Endangered and Nongame Species Program
Chris Petersen	JNSC Co-Chair Ex-Officio	Senior Natural Resource Specialist-U.S. Navy/DoD PARC National Representative
Mark Mandica	DEITT Representative	Executive Director, The Amphibian Foundation
Michelle Christman	National Federal Agencies Coordinator	Fish and Wildlife Biologist, US Fish and Wildlife Service
Kerry Wixted	National State Agencies Coordinator	Program Manager, Amphibian, Reptile, and Invasive Species, Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies
<u>Midwest PARC</u>		
Melissa Youngquist	Senior Co-chair	Research Biologist, Shedd Aquarium
Travis Kurtz	Junior Co-chair	Zookeeper, John Ball Zoo
<u>Northeast PARC</u>		
Jess Meck	Senior Co-chair	Project Manager, Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute
Luke Groff	Junior Co-chair	Herpetologist, Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department
<u>Northwest PARC</u>		

Laura Sprague	Senior Co-chair	Fish Biologist, US Fish and Wildlife Service
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Christine Parker-Graham	Junior Co-chair	Veterinarian at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Southeast PARC

Robert Hill	Senior Co-chair	Associate Curator of Herpetology, Zoo Atlanta
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Keri Lejeune	Junior Co-chair	Herpetologist, Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
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Southwest PARC

Cristina Jones	Senior Co-chair	Biologist, Project Manager, US Fish and Wildlife Service
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Joe Ehrenberger	Junior Co-chair	Ecologist, Adaptation Environmental Services
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DoD PARC

Dave McNaughton	DoD PARC Representative	Natural Resources Specialist, US Navy
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At-large Members

Vacant	Industry Representative	
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Vacant	NGO Representative	
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Shelly Grow	Zoos and Aquariums Representative	Vice President, Conservation and Science, Association of Zoos & Aquariums
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Federal Agencies Steering Committee

Jenny Schultz	Federal Agencies Steering Committee Senior Co-chair	Fishery Biologist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources
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Brad Jost	Federal Agencies Steering Committee Junior Co-chair	Wildlife Biologist, Bureau of Land Management
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AFWA Amphibian and Reptile Committee

David Golden	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Committee Chair	Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife
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Thomas Eason, PhD	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Committee Vice Chair	Assistant Executive Director, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
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