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Profession: Wildlife Ecologist / Conservation Biologist / Primatologist / Mammalogist

Education

Ph.D.	1978	Wildlife Ecology, Michigan State University
M.Sc.	1975	Wildlife Ecology, Michigan State University
B.Sc.	1970	Wildlife Biology, University of Massachusetts

Primary Professional Interests

Field studies on mammalian and avian ecology, behaviour, taxonomy, biogeography, abundance and conservation status, especially primates, antelopes, suids, rodents, and raptors. Conservation and ecology of tropical forest, Afromontane, Afroalpine, and desert ecosystems, and of threatened species. Biodiversity surveys, evaluation, monitoring, and conservation. Protected area identification, development, and management. Biodiversity and protected areas database establishment and maintenance. Island biogeography. IUCN Red List assessments for species and subspecies. Providing training, assistance, and opportunities to developing country biologists and conservationists.

Professional Experience

2025	Offsetting Coordinator for Tanzania - East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline
2023-present	Co-Leader - Eastern Africa Antelope Diversity and Conservation Program
2013-2019	Director - Lolldaiga Hills Research Programme (Kenya)
2010-2013	Director - King Khalid Wildlife Research Centre (Saudi Arabia)
2006-2011	Senior Conservation Biologist - Drexel University's Bioko Biodiversity Protection Program (Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea)
2001-present	Co-Leader - Eastern Africa Primate Diversity and Conservation Program
1998-2013	Co-Editor - *Mammals of Africa*, a series of six volumes (published in February 2013 by Bloomsbury Publishers)

2005-2008	Co-director - Taxonomy and Conservation Genetics of the Threatened Mangabey Taxa of the Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya Biodiversity Hotspot
2005-2006	Technical Advisor (Corridors) - CEPF Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya Biodiversity Hotspot Project (Conservation International)
2004-2005	Scientific Advisor - CEPF Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests of Tanzania and Kenya Biodiversity Hotspot Project (Conservation International)
2001-2006	Director - Conservation International's Eastern Africa Biodiversity Hotspots Program
1998-2000	Project Leader - Evaluation of the Conservation Status and Translocation of the Hirola (Hunter's) Antelope (Kenya)
1997-2002	Co-Project Leader - Conservation and Monitoring of the Endangered Endemic Primates of the Udzungwa Mountains (Tanzania)
1997-1999	Project Leader - Recommendations on the Location of a Fence around the Aberdares Mountains (Kenya)
1995-2006	Senior Editor - *African Primates* – The Journal of the Africa Section of the IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group (Founding Editor)
1995-1997	Co-Project Leader - Ecological Surveys of Mt. Tshiaberimu (Congo)
1994-2001	Project Leader - Tana River Primate Monitoring Project (Kenya)
1993-2006	Vice-Chair for Africa - IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group, Africa Section
1993-2001	Senior Conservation Biologist - Zoo Atlanta's Africa Biodiversity Conservation Program (Kenya)
1992-present	Honorary Warden of Uganda National Parks (life-time appointment)
1991-1993	Director - Institute of Tropical Forest Conservation (Uganda)
1986-1993	Director - Impenetrable Forest Conservation Project (Uganda)
1978-1984	Post-doctoral Researcher - Primate Ecology, Kibale Forest (Uganda) and Rockefeller University (New York)
1978-1993	Honorary Lecturer - Department of Zoology, Makerere University (Uganda)
1970-1974	Wildlife Biologist - Botswana Department of Tourism, Wildlife & National Parks

Some Current Professional Societies, Associations, and Institutions

African Primatological Society (Member)
American Society of Mammalogists (Life Member)
American Society of Primatologists (Member)
International Primatological Society (Member)
The Wildlife Society (Member & 'Certified Wildlife Biologist')

Some Current Professional Activities

IUCN/SSC Antelope Specialist Group (Member)
IUCN/SSC Afrotheria Specialist Group (Member)
IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group (Member)
IUCN/SSC Wild Pigs Specialist Group (Vice-chair for Africa & the Middle East)
IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group's Section on Great Apes (Member)
National Primate Task Force, Kenya Wildlife Service (Member)
Institute of Primate Research, Kenya (Collaborator)
The National Museums of Kenya (Collaborator)
Journal of East African Natural History (Editorial Committee)

Nocturnal Primate Research Group, Department of Anthropology, Oxford Brookes University (Collaborator)
Mpala Research Centre, Kenya (Collaborator)

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