



**Midwest PARC's Virtual Annual Conference:
Changes in Amphibian and Reptile Populations Throughout the Midwest
October 1&2, 2021**

**Call for Abstracts
Due September 4, 2021**

Midwest PARC (MWPARC) invites you to its virtual annual conference, *Changes in Amphibian and Reptile Populations Throughout the Midwest*, held on October 1–2nd 2021 — hosted by the [Turtle Survival Alliance](#). The conference will feature keynote speaker Dr. Michael J. Lannoo, Indiana University School of Medicine. Throughout the conference there will be sessions for oral presentations, posters, state updates, task teams (e.g., a crawfish frog task team), networking events (e.g., student networking lunch, social hour and trivia), student presentation awards, and an online auction.

We invite you to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentations. Oral presentation should be on our focal topics: Species of Conservation Concern (SOCC), Urbanization, Wildlife Trade, and Agricultural Impacts. We welcome poster presentations on any topic regarding the conservation of amphibians and reptiles. Abstracts should be submitted through our [Abstract Submission Form](#) by **September 4, 2021**. Notification of abstract acceptance will be sent by September 11.

Oral Presentations will be held via Zoom and scheduled for 15 minute time-slots (10-13 minutes with 2-3 minutes for questions). Speakers will have the option to record their talk but are asked to be available for questions. Posters will be uploaded to Padlet where the presenter can answer questions in blog-post style. Stay tuned for more details on poster preparation and submission.

Student presenters may select the option to be considered for The Brodman Student Award. This award is given to MWPARC student researchers who present a lecture or poster of excellence on the systematics, ecology, or conservation of a herp species in the MWPARC region. More details coming soon.

Given the difficult circumstances many in our communities are facing, MW PARC is opting not to charge for registration for the 2021 conference. However, we do ask that those interested in attending make a donation to help support future scholarships, awards, and conferences.

Thanks to [Turtle Survival Alliance](#), the global force for turtle conservation, for serving as our virtual host!