

Awards and Scholarships

Michael T. Mengak receives 2019 Berryman Institute Professional Award



Above: Michael T. Mengak with award at the Berryman Institute exhibit booth, The Wildlife Society annual conference, Reno, Nevada, USA (photo by J. Tegt).

MICHAEL T. MENGAK, professor and wildlife extension specialist at the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia, received the Berryman Institute Professional Award for 2019. The award was presented at the 2019 Wildlife Society annual conference held in Reno, Nevada, USA. The Berryman Institute Professional Award recognizes career achievement of an individual in human–wildlife conflict management who is employed by a federal, state, or private partner. The award includes a plaque and a \$1,000 honorarium.

Mengak is the associate dean for outreach and professor–wildlife extension specialist in the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Georgia. He is a former chair of the Wildlife Damage Management Working Group of The Wildlife Society (TWS), TWS Fellow, and current president of the SE Section of TWS. His research and extension activities focus on wild pigs, human dimensions, urban wildlife damage management, and teaching classes on wildlife damage management and nongame/endangered species management. He has served as major or co-major professor for 6 master’s degree students (4 working on wildlife damage questions) and 2 Ph.D. students (1 working on wildlife damage). In addition, he has served as major professor for 20 non-thesis Master of Natural Resources students, most of whom worked on wildlife damage management issues. He has presented his work at a dozen technical conferences including the International Wildlife Congress in Japan, The Wildlife Society, Damage Management Conference, and Vertebrate Pest Conference. He currently serves on the Georgia Wild Pig Working Group. Dr. Mengak is the dedicated and impactful wildlife extension specialist that epitomizes what the Berryman Institute Professional Award seeks to recognize.

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Berryman Institute Professional and Program Awards: Nominations open January 1 through April 1, 2020

THE BERRYMAN INSTITUTE (BI) is a national organization based in the Department of Wildland Resources at Utah State University. We are dedicated to improving human–wildlife relationships and resolving human–wildlife conflicts through teaching, research, and extension.

The BI seeks to recognize individuals or groups who have made notable contributions in the field of human–wildlife conflict management. Thus, the BI is pleased to announce its Professional and Program Recognition Program. Awards are given in the areas of research, education and outreach, and professionalism. Awards include a plaque and a \$1,000 honorarium. Awardees will be asked to provide a photo and a paragraph summary for the Berryman Institute website and publication in *Human–Wildlife Interactions*.

Research Award

The research award is given annually to the author(s) of a research article published in the award year that has made a major contribution to the field of human–wildlife conflict management.

Education and Outreach Award

The Education and Outreach Award recognizes an individual or group for outstanding programs or communication in human–wildlife conflict management.

Professional Award

The Professional Award recognizes an individual for career achievement in human–wildlife conflict management who is employed by a federal, state, or private partner.

Award recipients will be announced in the fall issue of HWI.

Nominations can be e-mailed to Terry Messmer, BI Director (terry.messmer@usu.edu). Nomination material should include the following information:

1. Name of nominee or program
2. A brief (500 words or less) description of nominee contribution to human–wildlife conflict or wildlife damage management (for research award, provide a copy of the article(s), and for professional award, provide the nominee CV
3. Your name and contact information as the nominator.

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Apply for a 2020 Berryman Institute Scholarship

THE BERRYMAN INSTITUTE (BI) annually provides scholarships to undergraduate students nationwide who have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in human–wildlife conflict management or wildlife damage management. Two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded.

To apply for a 2020 scholarship, e-mail application materials to Terry Messmer (terry.messmer@usu.edu). Applications will be accepted from January 1, 2020 to May 1, 2020. The application e-mail must include: Name, Mailing Address, Telephone and Email, University Attending, and Major Advisor and their contact information. Materials to attach to the e-mail application include: 1) Current resume, including GPA and courses studied, and 2) A personal statement of your interests in human–wildlife conflict management or wildlife damage management.

Scholarship awardees will be asked to provide a photo and a paragraph biography for the Berryman Institute website and recognition in an issue of *Human–Wildlife Interactions*.



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