

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Texas A&M University, Ph.D. Candidate Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences. *expected 2012*
Dissertation: *Fragmentation, habitat associations and conservation of the lizard metacommunity of the Mescalero-Monahans shinnery sands.*

Sul Ross State University, M.Sc. Biology *May 2007*
Thesis: *Reassessing a lizard survey in Big Bend National Park, Brewster County, Texas*

Keene State College, B.A. Geography *Dec 2001*

Language and International Experience
Elementary proficiency speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish. Research and/or travel in Costa Rica, Mexico, Canada, and Spain.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Tom Slick Senior Graduate Fellow, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, *2012*
Texas A&M University

Research Assistant, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, *2008 - 2011*
Texas A&M University

Teaching Assistant, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, *Spring 2008*
Texas A&M University

Park Ranger, Big Bend National Park, *2002-2007*
National Park Service, United States Department of Interior

GIS Technician, Big Bend National Park, *February 2003*
National Park Service, United States Department of Interior

Resource Assistant, Big Bend National Park, *February 2002*
National Park Service, United States Department of Interior

Supplemental Instructor, Aspire Program, *2001*
Keene State College

Peer Tutor, Aspire Program, *2001*
Keene State College

Recycling Technician, R.O.C.K.S., 2000
Keene State College

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Tom Slick Senior Graduate Fellowship, Texas A&M University, \$30,412 2011

Henri Seibert Award, Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles, \$200 2010

Third Place Award, Student Research Week, Texas A&M University 2008

Regent's Fellowship, Texas A&M University, \$15,000 2007

Alfred P. Sloan Scholarship, Texas A&M University, \$27,720 2007

Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Sul Ross State University 2007

W. Frank Blair Award, Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute, \$500 2005

National Service Education Award, Americorps, \$2,431.25 2003 & 2002

Equinox Pulitzer Prize, Keene State College 2001

RESEARCH

Publications

(* denotes author was undergraduate at time of writing)

1. Dittmer, D. E., **D. J. Leavitt**, W.A. Ryberg and L. A. Fitzgerald. *In press. Arizona elegans elegans* (Kansas Glossy Snake). Diet and Feeding Behavior. *Herpetological Review*.
2. **Leavitt, D. J.** *In press.* Rodent assemblages in riparian forests along the Rio Grande, Big Bend National Park, Texas: current and historic insights on the effects of saltcedar invasion. *Southwestern Naturalist*.
3. **Leavitt, D. J.** and T. J. Hibbitts. *In press. Lepidophyma gaigeae.* Catalogue of American Amphibians and Reptiles.
4. *Acre, M. R., **D. J. Leavitt**, and C. M. Schalk. 2012. A second occurrence of a patternless morph of the marbled whiptail (*Aspidoscelis marmorata*). *Southwestern Naturalist*, 57(2).
5. **Leavitt, D. J.** and R. H. Dean. 2010. *Coluber flagellum testaceus* (Western Coachwhip) Diet. *Herpetological Review*, 41:499-500.

6. **Leavitt, D. J.**, A. F. Leavitt, and C. M. Ritzi. 2010. Post-grazing vegetational change in Big Bend National Park, Texas: a fifty year perspective. *Southwestern Naturalist*, 55:493-500.
7. **Leavitt, D. J.**, S. R. Goldberg, C. R. Bursley, and C. M. Ritzi. 2010. *Aspidoscelis scalaris septemvittata* (Big Bend Spotted Whiptail). Endoparasites. *Herpetological Review*, 41:351-352.
8. **Leavitt, D. J.** 2010. *Sistrurus catenatus edwardsii* (Desert Massasauga). Diet, Prey Size, and Feeding Related Mortality. *Herpetological Review*, 41:98.
9. **Leavitt, D. J.** 2009. *Trachemys scripta* (Red-eared Slider). Geographical distribution. *Herpetological Review*, 40:363.
10. **Leavitt, D. J.** and L. A. Fitzgerald. 2009. Diet of non-native *Hyla cinerea*, in a Chihuahuan desert wetland. *Journal of Herpetology*, 43:541-545.
11. **Leavitt, D. J.** and A. F. Leavitt. 2009. Common Spotted Whiptail (*Aspidoscelis gularis*). In: eds. L. L. C. Jones and R. E. Lovich. Lizards of the American Southwest. Tucson, AZ: Rio Nuevo. p. 346-349.
12. **Leavitt, D. J.** 2009. Plateau Spotted Whiptail (*Aspidoscelis scalaris*). In: eds. L. L. C. Jones and R. E. Lovich. Lizards of the American Southwest. Tucson, AZ: Rio Nuevo. p. 378-381.
13. Platt, S. G., T. R. Rainwater, **D. J. Leavitt**, and S. M. Miller. 2009. Diet of Barn Owls (*Tyto alba*) in northern Belize. *Southwestern Naturalist*, 54:104-107.
14. **Leavitt, D. J.** 2008. Book Review: Gage H. Dayton et al. Frogs and Toads of Big Bend National Park. *Herpetological Review*, 39:493.
15. **Leavitt, D. J.**, C. M. Ritzi, and S. G. Platt. 2007. Late season nesting of Scaled Quail (*Callipepla squamata*) in Big Bend National Park. *Bulletin of the Texas Ornithological Society*, 40:83.
16. **Leavitt, D. J.**, T. C. Mullet, C. M. Ritzi and J. R. Skiles. 2007. *Hyla cinerea* (Green Treefrog). Geographical distribution. *Herpetological Review*, 38:97.
17. **Leavitt, D. J.**, J. M. Mueller, and C. M. Ritzi. 2007. *Phrynosoma cornutum* (Texas Horned Lizard) Winter Activity. *Herpetological Review*, 38:80.