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114th Session

Iowa  
Academy  
of Science

**PRESIDENT'S BANQUET**



**PROGRAM**

President Dr. *Lynn Brant*, presiding

DINNER

INTRODUCTIONS

AWARDS:

Distinguished Iowa Science Teaching (Collegiate)

Distinguished Service

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS - Dr. *Lynn Brant*

RESPONSE - Dr. *Ray Anderson*, President-Elect

GENERAL SESSION II - (*Wedgewood Room*)

Dr. *Sue Savage-Rumbaugh* ~

*"Ape Communication: On the Boundaries of  
Science and the Borders of Scientific Critique"*

April 19, 2002

Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines

## ***DISTINGUISHED IOWA SCIENCE TEACHING***

**Dr. Gary Atchison**  
**Department of Animal Ecology**  
**Iowa State University**

"Dr. Gary Atchison's intuitive ability to realize his student's capabilities has had a profound effect on me and my fellow students." This is a statement from one of Dr. Atchison's students and is reflective of others who supported his nomination for the Distinguished Iowa Science Teaching Award. Dr. Atchison has a record of excellence in teaching and service to university students, in addition to making significant contributions to science as a researcher. His teaching excellence stems from his great interest in students, his dedication to science and his profession, and his scholarly leadership.

Throughout his long career, Dr. Atchison has made inspired contributions to the education of a large number of undergraduate and graduate students in several fields of science. His consistently rigorous teaching style and his deep concern for the educational goals of students have made him a valued mentor and colleague. The diversity and depth of his knowledge, his generosity of time, his clarity of thought and explanation, and his true caring for students make him a highly deserving recipient of this award.

Students and faculty alike recognize the quality of Dr. Atchison's teaching. He has taught an extraordinary number and diversity of courses in biology, ecology and environmental science, receiving accolades for his teaching accomplishments from students and recognition by his peers. His student evaluations have consistently ranked among the best in the Animal Ecology Department. This record of teaching excellence has been recognized through his receipt of four major awards at Iowa State University, including the title of University Professor, which is held for life by only a few faculty who have made distinguished contributions in teaching and service.

## ***DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD***

**Dr. David V. McCalley**  
**Executive Director**  
**Iowa Academy of Science**

Dr. David McCalley has been a member and Fellow of the Iowa Academy of Science for the past 35 years and is in his final year as Executive Director. During his long tenure in the Academy, he was a member and then chair of the Recognition and Awards Committee, was active in the Science Teaching Section, and served as a member of the Board of Directors, but a good argument could be made for this award based just upon his service as Executive Director since 1998.

Upon assuming the position of Executive Director, Dave recognized the need to establish accounting methods to track the finances of the Academy and reconcile past accounts. He also had to manage dwindling assets and plan how to keep the IAS solvent. The status of the Parish Farm had reached a point that required difficult decisions. Dave took it upon himself to learn alternative farm management options and what was needed in running a modern farm. When it became clear that we might need to sell the property, he provided leadership in dealing with selling agricultural land and in investing the assets. Through this process Dave activated the Board to look closer at all matters of business before the Academy and to become more active leaders. As a result of his leadership, the Board today is a smarter, more responsible body.

Although the Executive Director is only a half-time position, Dave has treated it as full-time, volunteering his time, efforts, energy, and attention to the Academy. From bringing in grants that help support the organization, to maintaining a professional business office with quality people, Dave has made a great difference in how our Academy has functioned and evolved over these past few years.

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*All awardee information was extracted from the many letters of nomination, recommendation, and supporting documents for each candidate. We wish to to acknowledge those authors and thank them for allowing us to freely draw from their comments.*