

EDITORIALS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NON-PEER REVIEW SECTION

NEW SECTION EDITOR (SNAKES)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stepping down as the Section Editor for snake manuscripts is **MICHAEL J. DRESLIK**, who served in this position the past year. We thank Michael for his services.

To replace Michael, the Board of Directors is pleased to announce the addition of:

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Brian obtained his B.S. (1999) in Biology from Carroll College, Wisconsin, USA, and a Ph.D. (2008) in Biology from the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, USA. His research studies focus on conservation of reptiles and amphibians, particularly applications of population ecology to species conservation. In particular, he combines field methods like capture-mark-recapture and radio telemetry with flexible Bayesian hierarchical models to learn about demographic parameters and the individual, biotic, and environmental variables that affect them. Brian has published numerous papers on snakes, including several articles on the endangered Giant Garter Snake (*Thamnophis gigas*).



Brian J. Halstead