

EDITORIALS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NON-PEER REVIEW SECTION

CHANGES IN EDITORS

Board of Directors

24 October 2025: This editorial was updated to address errors in the biography of Andrew Durso published earlier.

Departure of Final Copy Editor

The Board of Directors of HCB wishes to express their gratitude to Signa Gundlach for 10 y of service as the Final Copy Editor for manuscripts. Her role was to review each manuscript in its final PDF format and look for any formatting or other issues. Albeit an unseen role, this is a critical one that embodies the pursuit of excellence of our journal. The Final Copy Editor requires someone with a strong attention to detail and the ability to know when some, seemingly innocuous, error contradicts our Instruction for Authors. Besides her copy-editing duties, Signa was also a co-author on a Northern Leopard Frog manuscript published in HCB in 2024. She was recently promoted to Information Governance Manager at the Southern Nevada Water Authority and we wish her continued success in her career!

Departure of Snake Section Editor

We also wish to thank Brian Halstead, who for the last 5 y has served as the Snake Section Editor. He has been an exceptional editor of the section and made the life of the copy editor much easier with his broad expertise and attention to the format of HCB.

New Section Editors

Snake Section

We welcome Andrew Durso (Fig. 1), who has stepped into the role of Section Editor for Snakes. We expect that Andrew will also be an exceptional editor for HCB. Andrew has published papers on snakes as well as other herps and has been an Associate Editor for HCB since 2018. He has been on the faculty of Florida Gulf Coast University since 2020. Prior to that, he was a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, from 2018-2019 and a Scientific &

Technical Editor at the Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry, Jena, Germany from 2017-2018. Andrew received his Ph.D. (2016) at Utah State University, Logan, USA, a M.Sc. (2011) at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, USA, and B.Sc. (2009) at the University of Georgia, Athens, USA.



FIGURE 1. Andrew Durso.

Tortoises (Co-Section Editor)

Lastly, we welcome Roy Averrill-Murray (Fig. 2) to serve as a new Co-Section Editor for tortoises. Many knew Roy when he served for two decades as the Desert Tortoise Recovery Coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He has retired and now lives in Ecuador. Roy brings vast knowledge of tortoises but also other interests in biology and conservation of herpetofauna. Roy earned a M.Sc. (1993) at the University of Arizona, Tucson, USA, and a B.Sc. at Texas A&M University, Lubbock, USA.



FIGURE 2. Roy Averrill-Murray.