

# Carl Gans Plenary Session

Thursday, 13 July

Renaissance Hotel Austin

Grand Ballroom (Salons A & B)

- 8:00            **Welcome**  
David M. Hillis, Chair, Local Host Committee
- 8:15            **Award Presentations**
- ASIH Gibbs, Fitch and Johnson Awards
  - SSAR/HL/ASIH Meritorious Teaching Award in Herpetology
  - ASIH/AES Meritorious Teaching Award in Ichthyology
  - Spiritus Award
  - HL Ray Semlitsch Award
  - PARC Alison Haskell Award for Excellence in Herpetofaunal Conservation
  - Joseph Nelson Award
- 9:00            **ASIH Past Presidential Address**  
“ASIH has been very, very, good to me: How service to a society enhanced my academic career”  
Maureen Donnelly, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies CASE; Professor, Biological Sciences; Florida International University
- 9:30            **AES Plenary Speaker**  
“Educational Morphology: How Sharks are Inspiring the Next Generation of Morphologists”  
Willy Bemis, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Cornell University
- 10:00           **Beverage Break**, Grand Ballroom Foyer
- 10:15           **HL Distinguished Herpetologist**  
“Unisexual Salamanders in the Genus *Ambystoma*: bending and breaking evolutionary stereotype”  
James Bogart, University of Guelph
- 10:45           **Carl Gans Plenary JMIH Lecture**  
“Beauty and the Brain: Insights from Frogs and Fishes”  
Michael J. Ryan, Clark Hubbs Regents Professor, Integrative Biology, University of Texas at Austin
- 11:45 a.m.    **Closing and Announcements**