

Dr. James C. Kroll, Ph.D., is the Henry M. Rockwell Chair in Forest Wildlife, Director of the Institute for White-tailed Deer Management and Research, and Co-Director of the Pineywoods Native Plant Center. James received the BS in 1969 from Baylor University, the MS in 1970 from Baylor University and the PhD in 1973 from Texas A&M University, where he was the Distinguished Graduate of 1973. Dr. Kroll is one of the leading wildlife biologists in the nation. Since 1973 he has been a leading research scholar focusing primarily on the ecology, habitats, ecosystems and management activities that support healthy white-tailed deer populations. He has taught courses in wildlife habitat management, wildlife management techniques, wildlife ecology, land management planning, white-tailed deer ecology and management, introduction to forestry, wildlife diseases and research methods. He has directed thirty-two theses or dissertation projects during his career at SFASU.

As Director of the Institute for White-tailed Deer Management and Research, Dr. James Kroll has made SFA a nationally known resource known for excellence in research in deer biology, management and economics. His career has included membership in the Society of American Foresters (Texas Chapter), Wildlife Society (Texas Chapter), Texas Forestry Association (Past and Present Director), Texas Deer Association (Co-Founder), Southeast Deer Study Group, Southwestern Association of Naturalists, Sigma Xi, Beta Beta Beta, Phi Sigma Society, Texas Wildlife Association (Past Director), Texas System of Natural Laboratories (Director) and Xi Sigma Pi, Stephen F. Austin State University Research Committee, the Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture, Center for Applied Studies Council, Arthur Temple College of Forestry Faculty Alumni Committee.

Most recently, Dr. Kroll was appointed by Governor Scott Walker as the nation's first Deer Trustee for Wisconsin, and given the authority to investigate and develop solutions to long-standing public issues related to the management of White-tailed Deer in the state. Kroll finished his work and delivered a comprehensive report and plan, hailed by diverse conservation groups as fundamentally sound, to Governor Walker and the Department of Natural Resources on 26 June, 2012. Public response to the plan has been extremely positive.

Over the years, Dr. Kroll has received numerous awards and honors during his career including the 2012 Nacogdoches County Agriculture Pioneer, 2011 Muy Grande Hall of Fame, 2009 Baylor University Outstanding Alumni Award, 2007 *Whitetail Country*, ESPN2: Career Biography, 2007 Research Contributions in Deer Management, ANGADI, The Hal Swiggett Life Time Achievement Award (Exotic Wildlife Association), 2004 Golden Moose Award, Outdoor Channel (North American WHITETAIL Television), 2003 Honors Award, NASA- Shuttle Columbia Disaster, 2002 Golden Moose Award, Outdoor Channel, Journal of the Texas Trophy Hunters, 2000 Distinguished Alumni – Waco Independent School, 2000 Past-Presidents Award, Texas Deer Association, 1997 Teaching Excellence Award, 1995 Distinguished Professor Award, 1995 Award for Excellence, Texas

Outdoor Writers Association: Whitetail Video Management Series; Magazine Articles, 1994 Texas Chapter, The Wildlife Society, Publication Award, 1993 Educator of the Year, Lone Star Bowhunters, 1993 Regents Professor, Research (SFASU), 1992 Distinguished Professor Award, 1989 Buckhorn Hunting Club's Conservationist of the Year, 1985 Texas Forestry Association's Forestry Research Award, 1980 Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 1978 Best Book Publication, The Wildlife Society, for *Role of Insectivorous Birds in the Forest*, 1977 Appreciation Award, National Rifle Association, 1975 Elected to Xi Sigma Pi, 1974 Outstanding Educators in America, 1973 Distinguished Doctoral Graduate, Texas A&M University.

Although known around the world as the authority on White-tailed Deer, Kroll took time out from deer research to found and launch the nation's first regional geospatial service center, The Columbia Regional Geospatial Service Center, which later figured significantly in the recovery of the Shuttle Columbia and its crew, following the terrible disaster on 1 February, 2003. The Center was cited by NASA and the federal and Texas agencies as being critical to these efforts. "It was the best and worst experience of my life, but a wonderful opportunity to show how geospatial technologies, developed for deer research, are important to emergency response," notes Dr. Kroll.

Since his arrival at SFA, James Kroll has accrued approximately \$20 million in funding from a wide range of agencies, foundations and research institutes. He has authored or coauthored eleven books and has an impressive publication record in national and regional journals and trade magazines.

Since 2004, James Kroll has appeared in two leading national TV shows: North American Whitetail Television, Sportsman Channel, which received the Golden Moose Award. Kroll also starred in the hit television program, Dr. Deer, airing on the Sportsman Channel and Fox Sports. He manages a popular website - Dr. Deer.com which serves as an on-line education and deer management assistance resource. He has enjoyed tremendous exposure to the national wildlife group through publications and videos that feature his work and insight in white-tailed deer management. He holds numerous offices in state, regional and national organizations. Dr. Kroll is popular on the lecture circuit and blends technical and lay knowledge into presentations that educate, entertain and enlighten audiences enthusiastic about managing and sharing the joys of white-tailed deer management. He now is Emeritus Professor of Forest Wildlife at Stephen F. Austin State University, and is focusing his efforts in many areas, particularly on-line education for wildlife managers.