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Press Release



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Walter is elected president of Wisconsin Wildlife Society

Dr. Scott Walter, **Viola**, associate professor of biological sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Richland, was recently elected president of the Wisconsin chapter of The Wildlife Society. Walter will head the organization for three years—first as president elect, then as president, followed by service as past president. He said he's pleased to serve with the premier organization for wildlife biologists and managers, an organization with more than 230 members across Wisconsin.

In his new leadership role with WCTWS, he will meet quarterly with other officers and executive board members. The organization hosts an annual meeting at which members share research. Walter looks forward to these annual meetings as they provide a venue for wildlife biologists from all agencies and all universities to share research. Walter especially enjoys taking his most enthusiastic students to the annual meetings, giving them an opportunity to connect with biologists and learn more about their areas of interest.

WCTWS, founded in 1972, is a scientific and educational organization of wildlife professionals, students, and retirees who are interested in the conservation of Wisconsin's wildlife resources. The state chapter is affiliated with The Wildlife Society, an international organization that represents and serves scientists, managers, educators, technicians, planners, and others who work actively to study, manage, and conserve wildlife and its habitats worldwide.

Walter's recent research has focused on ruffed grouse populations in southwest Wisconsin. As with his participation in WCTWS, Walter encourages students to join him in research projects. Numerous students pursuing degrees in natural resources have benefited from these opportunities to conduct research during their freshmen and sophomore years.

Walter joined the UW-Richland faculty in 1999. He teaches courses that include Fish, Forest and Wildlife Resources, Animal Biology, Principles of Ecology and Conservation of Natural Resources.

Walter was instrumental in developing a UW-Richland partnership with UW-Stevens Point that enables students to complete the first two years of a bachelor's degree in an array of natural resources majors at the Richland Center UW campus.

Walter serves as advisor to UW-Richland students majoring in natural resources areas that include wildlife ecology and management, fisheries science, forestry, soil science, and water science. In 2005, he was recognized with the Alliant Energy Underkofler Excellence in Teaching Award.

Those interested in learning more about the Wisconsin Wildlife Society and students who'd like to learn more about natural resources opportunities at UW-Richland can contact Walter on campus by e-mail at scott.walter@uwc.edu or by calling (608) 647-6186, Extension 105.

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