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### ACLAM Honors CVM's Franklin with Comparative Medicine Scientist Award

The American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) has awarded MU College of Veterinary Medicine Professor Craig Franklin its Comparative Medicine Scientist Award for 2014. In addition to his position as professor within the Department of Veterinary Pathology, Franklin, DVM, PhD, is the director of the MU Mutant Mouse Regional Resource Center, a position he has held since 2011. He has also served as director of Comparative Medicine Program since 1998 and head of the Veterinary Research Scholars Program since 2005.

The Comparative Medicine Scientist Award is the ACLAM's highest honor for scientific achievement in comparative medicine. Judging is based on outstanding contributions to the field through research publications, reviews, book chapters and lectures over a period of time between five and 20 years. The award criteria states that recipients must have had a significant impact on the field of animal-based biomedical research.

Franklin earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture from the University of Missouri in 1984. He went on to complete his doctor of veterinary medicine in 1987, a master's in laboratory animal medicine in 1990, and a PhD in pathology in 1992, all from the University of Missouri. He also undertook a residency in laboratory animal medicine from 1988-1991.

Franklin began his professional career at MU in 1987 as a research associate. After completing his residency and PhD, he was appointed as an assistant professor in 1992 and an associate professor in 1999. He became a professor in 2011.

Dr. Gregory Boivin, a professor in the Department of Pathology and Orthopaedic Surgery and director of Laboratory Animal Resources at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, nominated Franklin for the award. In his letter to the nomination committee, Boivin noted that Franklin's research has been continuously funded through the National Institutes of Health or industry partners for 15 years. That research has resulted in the publication of more than 90 articles, most related to infectious diseases in laboratory animals. He also noted that Franklin's mark on the field extends to the more than 60 post-DVM graduate students he has trained who have also gone on to careers in laboratory animal medicine.



Dr. Sue VandeWoude, professor of Comparative Medicine at Colorado State University, presents Dr. Craig Franklin with the ACLAM Comparative Medicine Scientist Award.

In letters supporting his nomination, other colleagues commended Franklin's mentorship of graduate students and noted that he also encourages veterinary students to explore careers in research through his involvement in the Veterinary Research Scholars Program.

Franklin received the award during the ACLAM's annual forum held earlier this month in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

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