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EDUCATION:

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Ph.D. (Zoology), December 2007, “Effects of incubation temperature on the physiology, behavior and morphology of turtles.” Dr. Matthew B. Lovern, advisor.

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

M.S. (Zoology), August 2001, “Physiological and behavioral variation during estivation among mud turtles (Kinosternidae) of the southwestern United States.” Dr. Charles C. Peterson, advisor.

Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR

B.S. (Biology), May 1997, “Seasonal movements and nesting ecology of western painted turtles, *Chrysemys picta bellii*.” Dr. Bruce Neill, senior research advisor.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Conservation Biology, Comparative Physiology, Herpetology

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- 2025. *Professor Salary Incentive Program Award*, Missouri State University
- 2025. *Award for Excellence in Research*, Missouri State University College of Natural and Applied Sciences
- 2025. *Foundation Award for Research*, Missouri State University Foundation
- 2023. *Award for Excellence in Service*, Missouri State University College of Natural and Applied Sciences
- 2022. *Outstanding Thesis Advisor*, Missouri State University Graduate College
- 2021. *Award for Excellence in Research*, Missouri State University College of Natural and Applied Sciences
- 2020. *Award from Students for Faculty Excellence*, Missouri State University College of Natural and Applied Sciences
- 2016. *Award for Excellence in Teaching*, Missouri State University College of Natural and Applied Sciences
- 2015. *Summer Faculty Fellowship*, Missouri State University Graduate College
- 2013. *Atwood Faculty Research and Teaching Award*, Missouri State University College of Natural and Applied Sciences
- 2013. *Outstanding Graduate Mentor*, Missouri State University Graduate College

2012. *Summer Faculty Fellowship*, Missouri State University Graduate College
2012. *Award from Students for Faculty Excellence*, Missouri State University College of Natural and Applied Sciences
2012. *Award for Excellence in Teaching*, Missouri State University College of Natural and Applied Sciences
2007. *Doctoral Student of the Year*, Oklahoma State University Department of Zoology.
2002. *Presidential Fellowship for Water, Energy, and the Environment* Oklahoma State University Environmental Institute. 3 years.
2000. *Wilhm Teaching Award in Zoology*, Oklahoma State University.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY AND COURSES TAUGHT:

- 2026–present Distinguished Professor, Missouri State University
- 2019–present Professor, Missouri State University
- 2014–2019 Associate Professor, Missouri State University
- 2009–2014. Assistant Professor, Missouri State University
General Physiology Reintroduction Biology
Comparative Physiology Advanced Vertebrate Zoology
Sex Ratio Allocation Physiology of Reptile and Bird Eggs
- 2013–present. Adjunct faculty, Oklahoma State University Department of Zoology
- 2008–2009. Visiting Assistant Professor, Missouri State University
General Biology for Majors
General Physiology (lecture and laboratory)
- 2006–2007. Lecturer, Oklahoma State University.
General Physiology (2 semesters)
Senior Physiology Seminar (co-taught 1 semester)
- 1998–2007. Teaching Assistant, Oklahoma State University
Mammalian Physiology (1 semester)
General Physiology (14 semesters)
- 1994–1995. Teaching Assistant, Lewis & Clark College
General Astronomy (2 semesters)

UNDERGRADUATE LAB MEMBERS:

- ¹Kristl Richardson. 2003
- ²Stephanie Rawlins. 2003–2004
- David Roper. 2003–2004
- ^{2,3}Shana Watkins. 2003–2006
- ⁴Gage Gregory. 2004–2006
- ⁴Nick Rasmussen. 2005–2006
- Ann Kjellerson. 2008
- Tyler Sanders. 2008
- ⁵Brad Graevs. 2010–2012
- ⁶Ethan Hollender. 2011–2013
- Hillary Kozeny. 2011–2012
- Brooke McWherter. 2012–2013
- ⁶Tyler Dean. 2012
- Megan Smith, 2012–2013
- Adam Rolwes. 2012
- ⁶Joshua Harmon. 2013–2014

Kristofer Soltys. 2017–2018
^{7,8,9}Anthony Grate. 2019–20
Mikayla Mattingly. 2019
Korinna Brandt. 2019–20
Julianna Kolf. 2019
Jeremy Graham. 2019–20
Brooke Barton. 2023
Alex Edmond. 2022–23

Chase Strickland. 2023
Willow Graham. 2022–23
Kaitlyn Bryant. 2023
Derek Bateman. 2023
Ellie DeCarlis. 2024–
Kevin Babbitt. 2025–
Riley Austin. 2025–

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⁵Supported in summer 2011 by a Missouri State Space Consortium Scholarship, Missouri State University

⁶Summer salary paid from a State Wildlife Grant (Oklahoma)

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GRADUATE STUDENTS

^{1,4}Tyler Sanders. Major advisor (2011)
^{2,6}Jessica Miller. Major Advisor (2012)
^{3,4}Mitchell East. Major Advisor (2012)
⁵Travis Anthony. Major Advisor (2013)
^{1,3}Charlie Tucker. Major Advisor (2013)
^{3,4,7,10}Denise Thompson. Major Advisor (2013)
^{4,5,6,8,11}Donald McKnight. Major Advisor (2014)
^{3,9,14}Eric Sievers. Major Advisor (2015)
^{3,12,13,18}Sarah Spangler. Major Advisor (2017)
^{3,15}Kristen Sardina. Major Advisor (2018)
³Brandon Tappmeyer. Major Advisor (2019)
^{3,17}Ethan Hollender. Major Advisor (2019)
^{3,4,10,20}Kammie Voves. Major Advisor (2020)
³Samantha Hannabass. Major Advisor (2020)
^{3,4,10}Ashley Gagnon. Major Advisor (2021)
³Gina Buelow. Major Advisor (2021)
³Parker Golliglee. Major Advisor (2022)
^{3,22}Cora Dyslin. Major Advisor (2023)
³Melisa Blasky. Major Advisor (2024)
^{3,21}Wesley Smith. Major Advisor (2024)
^{22,24,27}Basem Motwaly. Major Advisor (2024)
⁵Tessa Irvine. Major Advisor (2025)
^{3,10,27}Anthony Grate. Major Advisor (2025)
^{3,23}Dylan Wichman. Major Advisor (2025)
^{3,8,16,25,26}Larissa Saarel. Major Advisor (2025)
^{1,3,6}Thomas Zapletal. Major Advisor (2025)
Jack Fisk. Major Advisor (2025)
⁵Derek Bateman. Major Advisor (2026)
³Sasha Freeman. Major Advisor (*in progress*)
³Kaitlyn Bryant. Major Advisor (*in progress*)

Grant Schmitz. Major Advisor (*in progress*)
Alex Rapp. Major Advisor (*in progress*)
Jean Elbers. Committee member (2010)
Robert Hunt. Committee member (2010)
Wendy Evans. Committee member (2012)
Ben Bosman. Committee member (2012)
Risa Wright. Committee member (2013)
Ben Dalton. Committee member (2013)
Daniel Schepis. Committee member (2013)
Emilee Helton. Committee member (2013)
Zach Wrensch. Committee member (2014)
Rachel Bortosky. Committee member (2014)
Joseph Churilla. Committee member (2015)
Makayla Exner. Committee member (2015)
Kristopher Maxson. Committee member (2015)
Amy Maynard. Committee member (2015)
Kayla Shelton. Committee member (2016)
Kristen Kohlhepp. Committee member (2016)
Rhyan Friesen. Committee member (2017)
Dylan Maag. Committee member (2017)
Kendell Loyd. Committee member (2017)
Briana Anderson. Committee member (2018)
Chelsea Martin. Committee member (2019)
Stephanie Morrison. Committee member (2019)
Megan Mosier. Committee member (2022)
Ayesha Farooq. Committee member (2022)
Josh Lowy. Committee member (2025)
Trey Recker. Committee member (2025, non-thesis)
Connor Cunningham. Committee member (2025)
Alyssa Owens. Committee member (2025)
Tony Nyabayo (Chemistry), Committee member (2025)
Rahab Kanogo (Chemistry), Committee member (2025)
Ethan Hollender, University of Arkansas (Ph.D. *in progress*)
Elizabeth Hays, University of Arkansas (M.Sc. *in progress*)
Elaine Gainer, Committee member (*in progress*)

¹NASA-Missouri Space Grant Consortium Fellowship

²MNAS Teaching Assistantship

³BIO Teaching Assistantship

⁴*Sigma Xi Grant-in-Aid of Research*

⁵*Research Assistantship funded by an Oklahoma State Wildlife Grant*

⁶*Distinguished Thesis Award*, Missouri State University

⁷*Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award*, Missouri State University

⁸*Outstanding Student Oral Presentation*, 2013 Turtle Survival Alliance

⁹Prairie Biotic Research, Inc., small grants program

¹⁰Howard McCarley Student Research Award, Southwestern Association of Naturalists

¹¹Clark Hubbs Poster Award, Southwestern Association of Naturalists

¹²Research Assistantship funded by a Competitive State Wildlife Grant

¹³U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Pathways Program Internship

¹⁴Russell G. Barnekow, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

¹⁵MSU Interdisciplinary Forum Oral Presentation Award

¹⁶American Museum of Natural History Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Grant

¹⁷Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Chickadee Checkoff Grant

¹⁸3-minute Thesis Competition winner, Missouri State University

¹⁹Chicago Herpetological Society grant

²⁰Kansas Herp Society Walter E. Meshaka Award for Excellence in Ecology

²¹Turtle Conservation Fund

²²Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund

²³Turtle Taxonomy Fund, Chelonian Research Foundation

²⁴Research Assistantship funded by the Turtle Survival Alliance

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

2025–present. Partner, Belize Invasive Fishes Advisory Panel

2021–present. Member, Maya Forest Trust Conservation Committee

2021–present. Member, Maya Forest Corridor Conservation Action Plan Committee

2015–present. Associate Editor, Herpetological Conservation and Biology

2013–present. Board of Governors, Southwestern Association of Naturalists

2012–2015. Assistant Editor, Herpetological Conservation and Biology

2011–2012. Board of Directors, National Friends of Fisheries Partnership

2010–2012. President, Friends of Alligator Snapping Turtles (Non-profit organization in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

2008. Guest editor, *The Southeastern Naturalist*

2007–present. Board of Governors, Oklahomans for Excellence in Science Education

2006–2007. OSU Zoology Department Seminar Committee

2006. Zoology Graduate Student Society Grant Committee

2003–present. I have reviewed manuscripts for *Physiological and Biochemical Zoology*, *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology*, *Journal of Thermal Biology*, *Conservation Biology*, *Herpetologica*, *Herpetological Conservation and Biology*, *Journal of Herpetology*, *Copeia*, *Southwestern Naturalist*, *Southeastern Naturalist*, *Western North American Naturalist*, *Acta Herpetologica*, *Chelonian Conservation and Biology*, *Reptiles and Amphibians*, *Herpetological Review*, *Endangered Species Research*, *Current Zoology*, *Tropical Natural History*, *Canadian Journal of Zoology*, and *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Species Status Assessments*.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists; Chelonian Research Foundation; Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society; Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology; Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles; Southwestern Association of Naturalists; Turtle Survival Alliance

PUBLICATIONS: (* denotes graduate student co-authors; ** denotes undergraduates)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

1. McKnight, D.T., J.L. McKnight, D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. 2026. Sexually dimorphic foot pads in Central American River Turtles (*Dermatemys mawii*). *The Caribbean Naturalist* (*accepted*)
2. Gagnon, A.H.*, D.A. Penning, L. Mader**, N. Piccoli**, and D.B. Ligon. 2026. Acute and seasonal effects of temperature on bite performance of alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). *Journal of Experimental Zoology Part A*. 2026:1–10.
3. Voves, K.A.*, S.L. Hannabass*, and D.B. Ligon. 2025. Trapping Turtles or Trapping Errors? A Case Study in Alligator Snapping Turtles. *Proceedings of the Oklahoma Academy of Sciences* 105:1–8.
4. Zapletal, T.M.*, L.S. Saarel*, D.A. Penning, and D.B. Ligon. 2025. Baby got bite: defensive kinematics of the Northern Giant Musk Turtle (*Staurotypus triporcatus*). *Journal of Experimental Zoology A* (2025) 1–10.
5. McKnight, D.T., E.D. Ellsworth*, J. Serano, T. Pop, C.D. Siler, D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. 2025. Movement patterns and space use of a large, aquatic turtle, with a comparison of GPS, VHF, and acoustic transmitters. *Endangered Species Research* 58:123–136.
6. McKnight, D.T., D. Bower, E. Ariel, S. Beatty, S. Clulow, M. Connell, A. Depp, J.S. Doody, A. Freeman, A. Georges, S. Hannabass, E.C. Hollender, H. Howell, A. Krochmal, D.B. Ligon, E. Munscher, E. Nordberg, T. Roth, A. Santoro, J. Schaffer, A. Simms, R. Spencer, P.A. Stone, K.C. Voves, A. Walde, S. Wassens, M. Welsh, N. Whiterod, W. Wirth, J. Van Dyke. 2025. Does a lack of juveniles indicate a threat? Understanding body size distributions in a group of long-lived vertebrates. *Journal of Animal Ecology* 00:1–21.
7. McKnight, D.T., J.C. Serano, D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. 2023. They really do move in herds: evidence of group living in an aquatic turtle. *Animal Behaviour* 205:197–226.
8. Thompson, D.M., D.B. Ligon, B.S. Edmond, S.J. Spangler*, B.M. Fillmore, K.G. Graves, and M. Lovern. 2023. Reproductive cycles and activity patterns of Alligator Snapping Turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). *General and Comparative Endocrinology* 341:114310
9. Thompson, D.M. and D.B. Ligon. 2023. Nesting behavior and ecology of the Alligator Snapping Turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*). *Southeastern Naturalist* 22:275–296.
10. Voves, K.C.*, S.L. Hannabass*, D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. 2023. A standardized field method and habitat suitability model to assess suitability of reintroduction sites for Alligator Snapping Turtles. *Southeastern Naturalist* 22:56–77.
11. Munscher, E., J.D. Riedle, A. Tuggle, J. Gray, D.B. Ligon, V. Gladkaya, C. Drake, R. Couvillon, J. Bolton, M. Morrison, B.P. Butterfield, and A.D. Walde. 2023. Demography of an urban population of Alligator Snapping Turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*) in Texas. *Southeastern Naturalist* 22:221–235.
12. Carr, J.L., J. Terry, D.B. Ligon, K.M. Enge, C.J. Krueger, T.M. Thomas, G. Brashear, G.R. Johnston, M. Gordon, G. Zwicky, E. Pierson Hill, D.J. Stevenson, and D.A. Steen.

2023. Nesting emergences and other terrestrial movements of *Macrochelys* (Testudines: Chelydridae). *Southeastern Naturalist* 22:378–387.
13. McKnight, D.T., J.C. Serano, D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. 2022. Flooding triggers increased surface activity in a bottom-dwelling turtle. *Ecology* e3868. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ecy.3868>.
 14. Gagnon, A.H*, D.A. Penning, A. White, K. Graves, R. Simmons, and D.B. Ligon. 2022. Bite performance of captive Alligator Snapping Turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*) improves after reintroduction. *Journal of Herpetology* 56:370–375.
 15. McKnight, D.T., E.C. Hollender*, and D.B. Ligon. 2022. Where are the turtles? Looking for Western Chicken Turtles (*Deirochelys reticularia miaria*) in Mississippi. *Herpetology Notes* 15:609–613.
 16. Hollender, E.C*, D.B. Ligon, and D.T. McKnight. 2022. Learned trap avoidance in freshwater turtles. *Wildlife Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1071/WR21061>.
 17. Spangler, S.J.*, D.M. Thompson, B.M. Fillmore, R. Simmons, K. Graves, and D.B. Ligon. 2021. Movement patterns and habitat associations of hatchling alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* 16:461–470.
 18. Hollender, E.C.* and D.B. Ligon. 2021. Freshwater turtle community composition in strip pit lakes on mined lands. *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* 16:183–193.
 19. McKnight, D.T.* and D.B. Ligon. 2020. Estivation site selection of Western Chicken Turtles (*Deirochelys reticularia miaria*). *Southwestern Naturalist* 64:187–194.
 20. Munscher, E., J. Gray, A. Tuggle, D.B. Ligon, V. Gladkaya, C. Franklin, C. Drake, V. Ricardez, B.P. Butterfield, and A. Walde. 2020. Discovery of an Alligator Snapping Turtle population in metropolitan Houston, Harris County, Texas. *Urban Naturalist* 32:1–14.
 21. Thompson, D.M.*, B.M. Fillmore, K. Graves, and D.B. Ligon. 2019. Maternal investment patterns and reproductive variation in a captive population of alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). *Herpetologica* 75:280–289.
 22. Hollender, E.C.**, T.L. Anthony*, and D.B. Ligon. 2018. Motorboat injury rates to aquatic turtles. *Chelonian Conservation and Biology* 17:298–302.
 23. McKnight, D.T.*, E.C. Hollender*, H.J. Howell, J.L. Carr, K.A. Buhlmann, and D.B. Ligon. 2018. Egg and clutch sizes of western chicken turtles (*Deirochelys reticularia miaria*). *Acta Herpetologica* 13:191–194.
 24. Worthington, R.J.*, E.R. Sievers*, D.B. Ligon, and P.K. Lago. 2017. Insect (Arthropoda: Insecta) Composition in the Diet of Ornate Box Turtles (*Terrapene ornata ornata*) in Two Western Illinois Sand Prairies, with a New State Record for *Cyclocephala* (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae). *Great Lakes Entomologist* 50:61–67.
 25. McKnight, D.T.* and D.B. Ligon. 2017. Correcting for unequal catchability in sex ratio and population size estimates. *PLoS One* 12(8):e0184101.
 26. McKnight, D.T.*, H.J. Howell**, E.C. Hollender*, and D.B. Ligon. 2017. Good vibrations: a novel method for sexing turtles. *Acta Herpetologica* 12:171–121.

27. Thompson DM, DB Ligon, JC Patton, and M Papes. 2017. Effects of life history requirements on the distribution of a threatened reptile. *Conservation Biology* 31:427–436.
28. Tucker, C.R.*, J.T. Strickland, D.K. Delaney, and D.B. Ligon. 2017. Thermal consequences of subterranean nesting in a prairie-dwelling turtle, *Terrapene ornata*. *Canadian Journal of Zoology* 95:123–131.
29. McKnight, D.T. and D.B. Ligon. 2016. Chorusing patterns of a diverse anuran community, with an emphasis on Southern Crawfish Frogs (*Lithobates areolatus areolatus*). *Journal of North American Herpetology* 2016:1–10.
30. McKnight, D.T.*, J.R. Harmon*, J.L. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. 2015. The spring-summer nesting and activity patterns of the Western Chicken Turtle (*Deirochelys reticularia miaria*). *Copeia* 103:1043–1047.
31. McKnight, D.T.*, A.C. Jones*, and D.B. Ligon. 2015. The omnivorous diet of the western chicken turtle (*Deirochelys reticularia miaria*). *Copeia* 103:322–328.
32. McKnight, D.T.*, Harmon, J.***, McKnight, J., and Ligon, D.B. 2015. Taxonomic biases of seven methods used to survey a diverse herpetofaunal community. *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* 10:666–678.
33. Tucker, C.R.*, J.T. Strickland, B.S. Edmond, D.K. Delaney, and D.B. Ligon. 2015. Activity patterns of Ornate Box Turtles (*Terrapene ornata*) in northwestern Illinois. *Copeia* 103:502–511.
34. Anthony, T.L.*, J.D. Riedle, E.C. Hollender**, and D.B. Ligon. 2015. Monitoring of a reintroduced population of juvenile alligator snapping turtles. *Chelonian Conservation and Biology* 14:43–48.
35. Miller, J.L.*, D.M. Thompson*, J. Heywood, and D.B. Ligon. 2014. Nest-site fidelity and nest-site selection among reintroduced *Macrochelys temminckii*. *The Southwestern Naturalist* 59:188–195.
36. Miller, J.L.*, D.M. Thompson*, and D.B. Ligon. 2014. Estimating clutch size in predated *Macrochelys temminckii* nests. *Herpetological Review* 45:401–404.
37. Ligon, D.B., K. Backues, B.M. Fillmore, and D.M. Thompson*. 2014. Ontogeny of gonad and genital morphology in juvenile alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* 9:146–155.
38. McKnight, D.T.*, J.R. Harmon**, J.L. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. 2014. Notes on the diets of seven sympatric snake species in the genera *Agkistrodon*, *Nerodia*, *Sistrurus*, and *Thamnophis*. *Herpetology Notes* 7:171–177.
39. Moore, D.B.*, D.B. Ligon, B.M. Fillmore, and S.F. Fox. 2014. Space use and habitat selection in a translocated population of alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). *Southwestern Naturalist* 59:30–37.
40. Tucker, C.R.*, T.A. Radzio*, J.T. Strickland, E. Britton, D.K. Delaney, and D.B. Ligon. 2014. Use of automated telemetry to detect nesting activity in ornate box turtles. *American Midland Naturalist* 171:78–89.

41. Miller, J.L.* and D.B. Ligon. 2014. Sex ratios in naturally incubated *Macrochelys temminckii* nests, a species with type II TSD. *Journal of Thermal Biology* 39:6–11.
42. East, M.B.* and D.B. Ligon. 2013. Diet comparison between reintroduced and wild juvenile alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*) and Ouachita map turtles (*Graptemys ouachitensis*). *The Southwestern Naturalist* 58:450–458.
43. McKnight, D.T.*, T. Dean**, and D.B. Ligon. 2013. An effective method for increasing the catch rate of pitfall traps. *Southwestern Naturalist* 58:446–449.
44. East, M.B.*, B.M. Fillmore, and D.B. Ligon. 2013. Feeding behavior of captive-reared juvenile alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). *Southeastern Naturalist* 12:692–702.
45. East, M.B.*, J.D., Riedle, and D.B. Ligon. 2013. Temporal changes in an alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*) population. *Wildlife Research* 40:77–81.
46. Moore, D.B.*, D.B. Ligon, B.M. Fillmore, and S.F. Fox. 2013. Growth and viability of a translocated population of alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* 8:141–148.
47. McKnight, D.T.*, J. Tucker, and D.B. Ligon. 2012. Western chicken turtles (*Deirochelys reticularia miaria*) at Bohler Seeps and Sandhills Preserve, Oklahoma. *Proceedings of the Oklahoma Academy of Science* 92:47–50.
48. Ligon, D.B., C.C. Peterson, M.B. Lovern. 2012. Acute and persistent effects of incubation and post-embryonic thermal environments on hatchling growth and metabolism in the red-eared slider turtle, *Trachemys scripta elegans*. *Journal of Experimental Zoology* 317:227–235.
49. Ligon, D.B. and M.B. Lovern. 2012. Interspecific variation in temperature effects on embryonic metabolism and development in turtles. *ISRN Zoology* 2012:13 pp.
50. Ligon, D.B. and M.B. Lovern. 2009. Temperature effects during early life stages of the alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*). *Chelonian Conservation and Biology* 8(1):74–83.
51. Ligon, D.B., J. Bidwell, and M.B. Lovern. 2009. Incubation temperature effects on hatchling growth and metabolic rate in the African spurred tortoise, *Geochelone sulcata*. *Canadian Journal of Zoology* 87(1):64–72.
52. Riedle, J.D., D.B. Ligon, and K. Graves. 2008. Distribution and management of alligator snapping turtles, *Macrochelys temminckii*, in Kansas and Oklahoma. *Transactions of the Kansas Academy of Science* 111:21–28.
53. Ligon, D.B. and J. Reasor. 2007. Alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*) predation by river otters (*Lutra canadensis*). *Southwestern Naturalist* 52:618–620.
54. Ligon, D.B. and P.A. Stone. 2003. Radiotelemetry reveals terrestrial estivation in Sonoran mud turtles (*Kinosternon sonoriense*). *Journal of Herpetology* 37:750–754.
55. Ligon, D.B. and C.C. Peterson. 2002. Physiological and behavioral variation in estivation among mud turtles (*Kinosternon* spp.). *Physiological and Biochemical Zoology* 75:283–293.

NATURAL HISTORY NOTES:

1. Thompson, D.M. and D.B. Ligon. 2022. *Macrochelys temminckii* (Alligator Snapping Turtle) Agonistic Interactions and Nesting. *Herpetological Review* 53:123.
2. McKnight, D.T* and D.B. Ligon. 2014. Shell and pattern abnormalities in a population of western chicken turtles (*Deirochelys reticularia miaria*). *Herpetology Notes* 7:89–91.
3. McKnight, D.T.*, J.L. McKnight, T.L. Dean**, and D.B. Ligon. 2013. *Acris blanchardi* (Blanchard's Cricket Frog) Feigning Death. *Herpetological Review* 44:117.
4. McKnight, D.T.* and D.B. Ligon. 2013. *Scaphiopus hurterii* (Hurter's Spadefoot) Leucism. *Herpetological Review* 44:131–132.
5. Stone, P.A. and D.B. Ligon. 2011. *Bufo punctatus* (Red-spotted Toad) and *Thamnophis cyrtopsis* (Black-necked Garter Snake) prey-predator interactions. *Herpetological Review* 42:82–83.
6. Ligon, D.B. 2007. *Trachemys scripta* (Red-eared Slider Turtle) predation. *Herpetological Review* 38:201–202.
7. Ligon, D.B. and P.A. Stone. 2003. *Kinosternon sonoriense* (Sonoran Mud Turtle) predation of *Bufo punctatus* (Red-spotted Toad). *Herpetological Review* 34:241–242.

TECHNICAL REPORTS:

1. Ligon, D.B., T.N. Irvine, and D.L. Bateman. 2024. Alligator Snapping Turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*) distribution survey. Final Report, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation State Wildlife Grant F22AF03492 [T-128-R-1]. 24 pp.
2. Ligon, D.B., D.M. Thompson, D.T. McKnight, C. Dyslin, A. Grate, and W. Smith. 2023. Population surveys, reintroduction biology, and activity patterns of Central American River Turtles (*Dermatemys mawii*). Final Report, Belize Fisheries Department. 16 pp.
3. Ligon, D.B., D.M. Thompson, and C.M. Dyslin. 2023. Activity and reproductive cycles of Central American River Turtles (*Dermatemys mawii*) in Belize. Final Report, Turtle Conservation Fund/Global Wildlife Conservation Contract TCF-0830. 11 pp.
4. Wichman, D.J. and D.B. Ligon. 2022. Life history of Western Chicken Turtles in southeastern Oklahoma: nesting ecology and longevity. Final Report, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation State Wildlife Grant F19AF00843 (T-1114-R-1). 36 pp.
5. Ligon, D.B., D.M. Thompson, C. Dyslin, A. Grate, W. Smith, T. Pop, J.A. Marlin, and H. Barrett. 2022. Population surveys, reintroduction, behavior, and activity patterns of Hicatee (*Dermatemys mawii*). Final Report, Belize Fisheries Department. 15 pp.
6. Ligon, D.B., D.M. Thompson, and C.M. Dyslin. 2022. Activity and reproductive cycles of Central American River Turtles (*Dermatemys mawii*) in Belize. 2nd Interim Report, Turtle Conservation Fund/Global Wildlife Conservation Contract TCF-0830. 7 pp.
7. Ligon, D.B., K.C. Voves*, and S. Hannabass*. 2022. Final Report: Post-release Monitoring, Population Viability Analysis, and Recovery Criteria for Introduced Populations of Alligator Snapping Turtles. Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Grant F20AP00048 (E-33-R-1). 28 pp.

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9. McKnight, D.T., D.M. Thompson, D.B. Ligon, J.C. Serano, P. Pop, J.A. Marlin, and H. Barrett. 2021. Population ecology and conservation of *Dermatemys mawii* in Belize. Final Report, Belize Fisheries Department. 51 pp.
10. Ligon, D.B., D.T. McKnight, and D.M. Thompson. 2021. Population status of the critically endangered Central American River Turtle (*Dermatemys mawii*) in Belize. Final Report, PADI Foundation. 22 pp.
11. McKnight, D.T., D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. 2021. Population ecology and conservation of *Dermatemys mawii* in Belize. Final Report, Turtle Conservation Fund/Global Wildlife Conservation Contract TCF-0759. 23 pp.
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13. Ligon, D.B. and S.L. Hannabass*. 2020. Growth, reproduction, and immigration in an introduced population of Alligator Snapping Turtles. Final Report, Grant F16AP00596 (E-31-R-1). 25 pp.
14. Ligon, D.B., D.T. McKnight*, D.M. Thompson*, E.C. Hollender*, and J.A. Marlin. 2019. The development of protocols and training for population estimates of the Central American River Turtle (*Dermatemys mawii*) in the Spanish Creek/Belize River Watershed Key Biodiversity Area. Final Report to PACT, The World Bank, and The Government of Belize. 53 pp.
15. McKnight, D.T. and D.B. Ligon. 2018. Western Chicken Turtle metapopulations and wetland connectivity. Report to the American Turtle Observatory. 6 pp.
16. Ligon, D.B., and K.C. Voves*. 2018. Surveys to assess suitability of Alligator Snapping Turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*) reintroduction sites in Oklahoma. Final Report, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation No. F17AF01213 (T-101-R-1).
17. Ligon, D.B., D.T. McKnight*, and J. Harmon*. 2018. Assessing the extent and density of Chicken Turtle populations in southeastern Oklahoma. Final Report, State Wildlife Grant F13AF01189, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Oklahoma City. 18 pp.
18. Ligon, D.B. and K. Soltys*. 2018. Herpetofaunal Survey: Reptiles and amphibians at Golden Prairie in Barton County, Missouri. Final Report to Missouri Prairie Foundation. 9 pp.
19. Ligon, D.B. and E.C. Hollender*. 2018. Aquatic turtle community composition in artificial wetlands and natural oxbow lakes in southeastern Kansas. Chickadee Checkoff Final Report, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism. 17 pp.
20. Dreslik, M.J., J.L. Carr, D.B. Ligon, and E.J. Kessler. 2017. Recovery of the alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*) in the Mississippi River Valley drainages of southern Illinois, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. Illinois Natural History Survey Technical Report 2017(28). 112 pp.

21. Ligon, D.B. and D.T. McKnight*. 2014. A herpetological survey of Boehler Seeps and Sandhills Preserve, Atoka County, OK, with an emphasis on the ecology of western chicken turtles (*Deirochelys reticularia miaria*) and southern crawfish frogs (*Lithobates areolatus areolatus*). Final Report, State Wildlife Grant F12AF00206, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Oklahoma City. 44 pp.
22. Ligon, D.B. and T.L. Anthony*. 2013. A Survey of Alligator Snapping Turtles and Other Turtle Species in Three Northeastern Oklahoma Rivers: 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2013. Final Report, State Wildlife Grant T-52-1, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Oklahoma City. 29 pp. + 6 pp. Appendix.
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3. Ligon, D.B. 2020. Hicatee research in a pandemic. Turtle Survival Alliance Magazine.
4. Ligon, D.B. and J.D. Riedle. 2009. Alligator snapping turtle reintroduction. Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Newsletter, p. 46–47.
5. Ligon, D.B. 2007. Alligator snapping turtle translocation. Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Newsletter, p. 10–11.
6. Ligon, D.B. and M.B. Lovern. 2004. Meyer publication worse than just bad science (Correspondence to Nature). Nature (London) 432:949.

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2. Zapletal, T.M.*, L.S. Saarel*, D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Tough crap: the diet of the durophagous Northern Giant Musk Turtle (*Staurotypus triporcatus*). The Southwestern Naturalist (*in review*)
3. Dyslin, C., D.M. Thompson, S.P. Maher, D.B. Ligon, and D.T. McKnight. Activity Patterns of The Critically Endangered Central American River Turtle (*Dermatemys mawii*). The Caribbean Naturalist (*in preparation*)

4. Sievers, E.R., B.S. Edmond, J.T. Strickland, K.C. Voves, and D.B. Ligon. Reintroduction biology of head-started Ornate Box Turtles. *Chelonian Conservation and Biology (submitted)*
5. Sardina, K.E.*, D.M. Thompson*, B.M. Fillmore, K. Graves, M. Lovern, and D.B. Ligon. Effects of Indoor Housing Conditions on Growth Rate and Plasma Corticosterone Levels in Alligator Snapping Turtles. *Chelonian Conservation and Biology (in preparation)*.
6. Sanders, T.R.*, B. Graevs*, R.T. Kazmaier, and D.B. Ligon. Yellow mud turtle (*Kinosternon flavescens*) ecology during hibernation. *Journal of Functional Ecology*.

RESEARCH GRANTS:

2026

1. Inspire Edventures. \$1,200.
2. Inspire Edventures. \$1,500.

2025

1. Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund. \$10,000
2. Belize Maya Forest Trust. \$73,650 (3 years)
3. Turtle Conservation Fund. \$5,000

2024

1. Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. \$333,319 (4 years)
2. Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. \$116,092.
3. Delta Foundation. \$21,500.

2023

1. Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (State Wildlife Grant). \$158,892 (2 years).
2. Turtle Survival Alliance. \$56,858 (2 years).
3. Delta Foundation. \$21,500.
4. MSU Faculty Research Grant. \$7,500.

2022

1. Delta Foundation. \$15,300.
2. National Science Foundation (R. Biagioni, N. DeVore, C. Rico, K. Yoshimatsu, T. Banerjee, G. Meints, E. Steinle, P. Durham, L. Kovacs, Co-investigators) \$383,538.
3. Delta Foundation. \$21,500.
4. Chelonian Research Foundation Turtle Taxonomy Fund \$5,500.
5. Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund. \$7,040.
6. Turtle Conservation Fund \$5,000.

2021

1. Turtle Taxonomy Fund. \$7,500.
2. Turtle Conservation Fund. \$5,000.
3. Ecology of the Central American River Turtle in Belize. Delta Foundation. \$21,500.

2020

1. Delta Foundation. \$21,500
2. PADI Foundation. \$5,600
3. Turtle Conservation Fund. \$5,000

4. Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism. \$102,609.00.

2019

1. MSU Faculty Research Grant. \$7,500.
2. Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (State Wildlife Grant). \$138,058
3. Delta Foundation. \$20,250.
4. Delta Foundation. \$14,000
5. Government of Belize. \$65,000 (1 year; \$35,000 to MSU, balance to BFREE)
6. Turtle Conservation Fund. \$5,000
7. Mohamed bin Zayed Conservation Fund. \$10,000

2018

1. American Turtle Observatory. \$1000
2. Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism (Chickadee Checkoff Program). \$9,478 (1 year)
3. Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, (State Wildlife Grant). \$57,757 (1 year)

2017

1. Delta Foundation. \$27,535
2. Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism. \$58,729 (2 years)
3. Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism (Chickadee Checkoff Program). \$5,000.

2016

1. Delta Foundation. \$6,030.
2. The Nature Conservancy. \$17,000.

2015

1. Delta Foundation. \$9,600.
2. Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Garden. \$4,500.

2014

1. Delta Foundation (D.M. Thompson, R.A. Van Den Bussche, and M.B. Lovern Co-investigators) \$27,500.
2. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Multi-State State Wildlife Grant (S. Ballard, J. Carr, and M. Dreslik Co-PIs) (\$499,888; \$197,971 to MSU [three years])

2013

1. Delta Foundation \$20,800.
2. Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, State Wildlife Grant. \$87,768 (three years)
3. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. \$13,000.
4. MSU Faculty Research Grant. \$7,433.

2012

1. Delta Foundation. \$4,500.
2. Delta Foundation; (D.M. Thompson, B.M. Fillmore, Co-PIs). \$7,762.
3. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. \$7,500 (1 year); M. East, Co-PI
4. Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, State Wildlife Grant. \$55,575 (two years)

2011

1. Delta Foundation. \$11,000.

2010

1. Missouri Space Grant Consortium. \$19,435 (1 year); M. Reed and D. Cornelison, Co-PIs
2. Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, State Wildlife Grant. \$58,018 (4 years)

2009

1. Delta Foundation. \$14,400.
2. MSU Faculty Research Grant. \$7,477.

2007

1. Delta Foundation. \$3,805.
2. Turtle Survival Alliance. \$5,000.
3. Tulsa Zoo Conservation Program. \$250.

2002

1. Gaige Award, American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. \$500.
2. Sigma Xi Grant-In-Aid of Research. \$300.
3. Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Grant-In-Aid of Research. \$800.
4. Chicago Herpetological Society. \$250.
5. Linneaus Fund, Chelonian Research Foundation. \$1,000.

2000

1. Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Fund, American Museum of Natural History. \$1,000.

1996

1. Student Academic Affairs Board, Lewis and Clark College. \$1,200.

INVITED SEMINARS:

University of Arkansas (2025)

Midwest Herpetological Symposium (2025)

Oklahoma Herpetological Society plenary (2022)

New England Zoo Conservation Committee (2020)

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (2017 ×2)

Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla (2016)

Missouri State University CNAS Public Lecture Series (2012)

Missouri Master Naturalists, Springfield Plateau Chapter (2012)

Springfield Nature Center Volunteer Meeting (2011)

University of Arkansas, Little Rock (2011)

St. Louis Herpetological Society (2011)

Illinois Natural History Survey (2010)

University of Missouri (2009)

Missouri State University (2006)

PRESENTATIONS:

(* indicates graduate student collaborators; ** indicates undergraduate collaborators)

2025

1. MHA Presentations

2. KHS Presentations
3. Dyslin, C.*, D.M. Thompson, S.P. Maher, D.B. Ligon, and D.T. McKnight. Activity Patterns of The Critically Endangered Hicatee (*Dermatemys mawii*). Caribbean Natural History Conference (Virtual)
4. McKnight, D.T., J.C. Serano, D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. They Really do Move in Herds: Evidence of Group Living in Central American River Turtles. Caribbean Natural History Conference (Virtual)
5. Thompson, D.M., L.S. Saarel*, T.M. Zapletal*, D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Reproductive Cycles and Investment Patterns of the Northern Giant Musk Turtle (*Staurotypus triporcatus*) in Belize. Caribbean Natural History Conference (Virtual)
6. Zapletal, T.M.*, L. Saarel*, D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon (presenter). Tough crap: the diet of the Northern Giant Musk Turtle, a durophagus turtle. Caribbean Natural History Conference (Virtual)
7. Bateman, D.L., K. Babbitt, and D.B. Ligon. A comparison of body composition of free-ranging and wild head-started juvenile Alligator Snapping Turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Symposium, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
8. Bateman, D.L., T.N. Irvine, K. Babbitt, A. Edmond, and D.B. Ligon. Oklahoma Alligator Snapping Turtle Surveys. Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Symposium, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
9. McKnight, D.T., D.S. Bower, E. Ariel, S. Beatty, S. Clulow, M. Connell, A.R. Deppe, J.S. Doody, A. Freeman, A. Georges, S.L. Hannabass, E.C. Hollender, H. Howell, A. Krochmal, D.B. Ligon, E. Munscher, and E.J. Nordberg. Does a lack of juveniles indicate a threat? Understanding body size distributions in turtles. Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Symposium, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
10. Thompson, D.M., D.B. Ligon, B.M. Fillmore, R. Simmons, and K.G. Graves. Capitalizing on captivity: Insights from years of research on a captive breeding population of Alligator Snapping Turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Symposium, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
11. Zapletal, T.M., L.S. Saarel, D.T. McKnight, D.A. Penning, and D.B. Ligon. Baby got bite: Defensive kinematics of the durophagous Northern Giant Musk Turtle (*Staurotypus triporcatus*). Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Symposium, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
12. Zapletal, T.M., L.S. Saarel, D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Built to feast: The importance of size in foraging by the Northern Giant Musk Turtle. Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Symposium, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
13. Zapletal, T.M.*, L. Saarel*, D.T. McKnight, D.A. Penning, and D.B. Ligon. Baby got bite: strike kinematics of the durophagus Northern Giant Musk Turtle. Oklahoma Herpetological Society, Claremore, Oklahoma.
14. Zapletal, T.M.*, L. Saarel*, D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Tough crap: the diet of the Northern Giant Musk Turtle, a durophagus turtle. Oklahoma Herpetological Society, Claremore, Oklahoma.

15. Bateman, D.*, T. N. Irvine*, K. Babbitt*, A. Edmond, and D.B. Ligon. Alligator Snapping Turtle Distribution in the Arkansas and Red River Basins. Oklahoma Herpetological Society, Claremore, Oklahoma.
16. Thompson, D.M. and D.B. Ligon. Influence of temperature and photoperiod on activity patterns of Alligator Snapping Turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Oklahoma Herpetological Society, Claremore, Oklahoma.
17. Thompson, D.M. and D.B. Ligon. Reproductive cycles and activity patterns of Alligator Snapping Turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Oklahoma Herpetological Society, Claremore, Oklahoma.
18. Zapletal, T.M.*, L. Saarel*, D.T. McKnight, D.A. Penning, and D.B. Ligon. Baby got bite: strike kinematics of the durophagus Northern Giant Musk Turtle. Southwestern Association of Naturalists, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
19. Zapletal, T.M.*, L. Saarel*, D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon Tough crap: the diet of the Northern Giant Musk Turtle, a durophagus turtle. Southwestern Association of Naturalists, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
20. Bateman, D.*, T. N. Irvine*, K. Babbitt*, A. Edmond, and D.B. Ligon. The effects of seasonality on turtle capture efficacy in Oklahoma. Southwestern Association of Naturalists, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
21. Bateman, D.*, T. N. Irvine*, K. Babbitt*, A. Edmond, and D.B. Ligon. Alligator Snapping Turtle distribution surveys in Oklahoma. Southwestern Association of Naturalists, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
22. Ligon, D.B., C. Dyslin*, D.M. Thompson, D.T. McKnight and S.P. Maher. Activity patterns of Central American River Turtles (*Dermatemys mawii*) in Belize. Southwestern Association of Naturalists, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
23. Zapletal, T.M.*, L. Saarel*, D.T. McKnight, D.A. Penning, and D.B. Ligon. Baby got bite: strike kinematics of the durophagus Northern Giant Musk Turtle. Missouri State University Frank Einhellig Interdisciplinary Forum, Springfield, Missouri.
24. Bateman, D.*, T. N. Irvine*, K. Babbitt*, A. Edmond, and D.B. Ligon. Alligator Snapping Turtle distribution surveys in Oklahoma. Missouri State University Frank Einhellig Interdisciplinary Forum, Springfield, Missouri.
25. Bateman, D.L., T.N. Irvine, K. Babbitt, A. Edmond, and D.B. Ligon. Alligator Snapping Turtle distribution surveys in Arkansas and Red River basins. Southeastern PARC, Lake Guntersville, Alabama.
26. Wichman, D.*, E.C. Hollender, D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Life in the fast lane? demography of a relatively short-lived Emydid turtle. Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology, Atlanta, Georgia.

2024

1. Zapletal, T.M.*, L. Saarel*, D.T. McKnight, D.A. Penning, and D.B. Ligon. Baby got bite: strike kinematics of the durophagus Northern Giant Musk Turtle. Inaugural Mid-South Regional SICB, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2. Irvine, T. N.*, D. Bateman*, K. Babbitt*, A. Edmond, and D.B. Ligon. Population surveys of Alligator Snapping Turtles in Oklahoma. Inaugural Mid-South Regional SICB, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
3. Saarel, L.*, T.M. Zapletal*, D.M. Thompson, D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Activity and movement patterns of the Northern Giant Musk Turtle (*Staurotypus triporcatus*) in Belize. Inaugural Mid-South Regional SICB, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
4. Ligon, D.B., C. Dyslin*, D.M. Thompson, D.T. McKnight and S.P. Maher. Activity patterns of Central American River Turtles (*Dermatemys mawii*) in Belize. Inaugural Mid-South Regional SICB, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
5. Thompson, D.M., K.C Voves*, B.S. Edmond, and D.B. Ligon. Influence of temperature and photoperiod on activity patterns of Alligator Snapping Turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Inaugural Mid-South Regional SICB, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
6. McKnight, D.T., J.C. Serano, D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. They really do move in herds: evidence of group living in an aquatic turtle. 10th World Congress of Herpetology, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.
7. Motwaly, B.A.* , O. Attum, D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. Demographic analysis and population viability of Egyptian Tortoises, *Testudo kleinmanni*: a two-phase approach integrating multi-state modeling and population viability analysis. Missouri State University Frank Einhellig Interdisciplinary Forum, Springfield, Missouri.
8. Irvine, T.N.* , D. Bateman* , K. Babbitt, A. Edmond, and D.B. Ligon. Population surveys of Alligator Snapping Turtles in Oklahoma. Missouri State University Frank Einhellig Interdisciplinary Forum, Springfield, Missouri.
9. Saarel, L.* , T. Zapletal* , D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Reproductive ecology and movement patterns of *Staurotypus triporcatus* in Belize. Missouri State University Frank Einhellig Interdisciplinary Forum, Springfield, Missouri.
10. Zapletal, T.* , L. Saarel* , D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Bite kinematics and diet of the Northern Giant Musk Turtle. Missouri Space Grant Consortium, Jefferson City, Missouri.
11. Saarel, L.* , T. Zapletal* , D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Reproductive cycles and movements of *Staurotypus triporcatus* in Belize. 71st Annual Meeting of The Southwestern Association of Naturalists, Aguascalientes, Ags., Mexico.
12. Saarel, L.* , T. Zapletal* , D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Reproductive ecology and movement patterns of *Staurotypus triporcatus* in Belize. Oklahoma Herpetological Society, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
13. Irvine, T.N.* , D. Bateman* , K. Babbitt, A. Edmond, and D.B. Ligon. Population surveys of Alligator Snapping Turtles in Oklahoma. Oklahoma Herpetological Society, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
14. Bateman, D.* , T.N. Irvine* , K. Babbitt, A. Edmond, and D.B. Ligon. Turtle community surveys in eastern Oklahoma. Oklahoma Herpetological Society, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
15. Zapletal, T.* , L. Saarel* , D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Tough crap: The diet of the durophagus Northern Giant Musk Turtle (*Staurotypus triporcatus*). Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Symposium, Tucson, Arizona.

16. Wichman, D. *, E.C. Hollender*, D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Life in the fast lane? Demography of the relatively short-lived Western Chicken Turtle, *Deirochelys reticularia miaria*, in Oklahoma. Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Symposium, Tucson, Arizona.
17. Saarel, L. *, T. Zapletal*, D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Reproductive cycles and movements of Northern Giant Musk Turtles (*Staurotypus triporcatus*) in Belize. Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Symposium, Tucson, Arizona. (1st place student oral presentation)
18. Motwaly, B.A. *, O. Attum, D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. Demographic analysis and population viability of Egyptian Tortoises: a two-phase approach integrating multi-state modeling and population viability analysis. Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Symposium, Tucson, Arizona. (1st place student poster)
19. Bateman, D. *, T.N. Irvine*, K. Babbitt*, A. Edmond, and D.B. Ligon. Aquatic turtle community surveys in eastern Oklahoma. Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Symposium, Tucson, Arizona.
20. Dyslin, C. *, D.M. Thompson, D.T. McKnight, S.P. Maher, and D.B. Ligon (*presenter*). Activity patterns of Central American River Turtles (*Dermatemys mawii*) in Belize. Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Symposium, Tucson, Arizona.
21. McKnight, D.T., D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. Initiation of a long-term turtle monitoring program at the Savanna Field Station, Belize. Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Symposium, Tucson, Arizona.
22. Riedle, J.D., D.B. Ligon, and T. Starks. A 33-year Journey, the return of Alligator Snapping Turtles to their former range in Kansas. Turtle Survival Alliance Annual Symposium, Tucson, Arizona.
23. Zapletal, T. *, L. Saarel*, D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Tough crap: The diet of the durophagus Northern Giant Musk Turtle (*Staurotypus triporcatus*). Missouri Herpetological Association, Kirbyville, Missouri.
24. Irvine, T.N. *, K. Babbitt*, D. Bateman*, A. Edmond, and D.B. Ligon. Population surveys of Alligator Snapping Turtles in Oklahoma. Missouri Herpetological Association, Kirbyville, Missouri.
25. Zapletal, T. *, L. Saarel*, D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Tough crap: The diet of the durophagus Northern Giant Musk Turtle (*Staurotypus triporcatus*). Kansas Herpetological Society, Hays, Kansas.
26. Zapletal, T. *, L. Saarel*, D.T. McKnight, D.A. Penning, and D.B. Ligon. Baby got bite: strike kinematics of the durophagus Northern Giant Musk Turtle (*Staurotypus triporcatus*). Kansas Herpetological Society, Hays, Kansas.
27. Bateman, D. *, T.N. Irvine*, K. Babbitt*, A. Edmond, and D.B. Ligon. Baby it's cold outside: the effects of temperature on turtle capture efficacy in Oklahoma. Kansas Herpetological Society, Hays, Kansas.

1. Zapletal, T., L. Saarel, D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Hard topics: The challenges of studying a near-threatened (or maybe just under researched) turtle. Kansas Herpetological Society, Lawrence, Kansas.
2. Irvine, T.N., K. Babbitt, D. Bateman, A. Edmond, and D.B. Ligon. Population surveys of Alligator Snapping Turtles in Oklahoma. Kansas Herpetological Society, Lawrence, Kansas.
3. Dyslin, C., D.M. Thompson, D.T. McKnight, S.P. Maher, and D.B. Ligon. Activity patterns of Central American River Turtles (*Dermatemys mawii*) in Belize. Missouri Herpetological Association, Kirbyville, Missouri.
4. Ligon, D.B. Turtle conservation in the tropical lowlands of Belize. Missouri Herpetological Association, Kirbyville, Missouri.

2022

1. Wichman, D.J.* , E.C. Hollender* , D.T. McKnight, D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. Life History of Western Chicken Turtles in Southeastern Oklahoma: Nesting Ecology and Longevity. Kansas Herpetological Society, Joplin, Missouri.
2. Dyslin, C.* , D.B. Ligon, D.M. Thompson, D.T. McKnight, S. Maher, and T. Pop. Activity Cycles of Central American River Turtles (*Dermatemys mawii*) in Belize. Kansas Herpetological Society, Joplin, Missouri.
3. Smith, W.* , C. Dyslin* , D.T. McKnight, D.M. Thompson, C. Joseph, R. Potts, J. Dubon, T. Pop, J. Marlin, H. Barrett, and D.B. Ligon. Post-release Movement Patterns and Habitat Preferences of Captive-bred Central American River Turtles (*Dermatemys mawii*). Kansas Herpetological Society, Joplin, Missouri.
4. Ligon, D.B. and D.M. Thompson. Notes on the history of Alligator Snapping Turtle Conservation and Research in Oklahoma. Turtle Survival Alliance, Tucson, Arizona.
5. McKnight, D.T., J.C. Serano* , E.D. Ellsworth* , C.D. Siler, D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. Movements and methods for tracking Hicatee (*Dermatemys mawii*) in Belize. Turtle Survival Alliance, Tucson, Arizona.

2021

1. Buelow, G.L.* , D.A. Penning, and D.B. Ligon. Boxed in: hinge-closing performance of Ornate Box Turtles. Einhellig Interdisciplinary Forum, Springfield, Missouri.
2. Mader, L.** , A. Gagnon* , D. Ligon, and D.A. Penning. Body temperature and bite performance in Alligator Snapping Turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Undergraduate Research Forum, Missouri Southern State University, Joplin.
3. Day B. Ligon, Donald T. McKnight, Thomas Pop, Jaren Serano, and Denise M. Thompson. Population Surveys and Rewilding the Critically Endangered Hicatee in Belize. Kansas Herpetological Society Annual Conference, Pittsburg State University.
4. Grate, A.J.* , D.M. Thompson, D.T. McKnight, E.C. Hollender* , and D.B. Ligon. Population and habitat assessments of the Hicatee (*Dermatemys mawii*). Kansas Herpetological Society Annual Conference, Pittsburg State University.

2020

1. Ligon, D.B. and D.M. Thompson. Hicatee reintroductions and research. Zoo New England, invited seminar.
2. Gagnon, A.H., D.A. Penning, and D.B. Ligon. A comparison of bite performance among captive and wild Alligator Snapping Turtles. Turtle Survival Alliance, virtual conference.
3. McKnight, D.T., E.C. Hollender, D.M. Thompson, T. Pop, J. Serano, J.A. Marlin, and D.B. Ligon. Field surveys of Central American River Turtles (*Dermatemys mawii*) in Belize. Turtle Survival Alliance, virtual conference.

2019

1. Voves, K. *, D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. Assessing suitability of alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*) reintroduction sites in eastern Oklahoma. Kansas Herpetological Association, Hays, Kansas.
2. Hannabass, S. *, K. Voves, A. Dodd, S. Freudenthal, K. Backues, D.B. Ligon. A Comparison of Blood Chemistry of Alligator Snapping Turtles in Wild, Reintroduced, and Captive Populations. Kansas Herpetological Association, Hays, Kansas.
3. Hollender, E.C. *, D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Relocating traps within a wetland increases trapping success. Kansas Herpetological Association, Hays, Kansas.
4. Gagnon, A.H. *, D.A. Penning, and D.B. Ligon. Bite performance of captive and wild Alligator Snapping Turtles. Missouri Herpetological Association, Steeleville, Missouri.
5. Grate, A. **, D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. Assessing fertility patterns in a captive breeding population of alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Turtle Survival Alliance, Tucson, Arizona. (won 1st place in poster contest)
6. Hollender, E.C. * and D.B. Ligon. Common snapping turtle activity patterns. Turtle Survival Alliance, Tucson, Arizona.
7. Hollender, E.C. *, D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Relocating traps within a wetland increases trapping success. Turtle Survival Alliance, Tucson, Arizona.
8. Hannabass, S. *, K. Voves, A. Dodd, S. Freudenthal, K. Backues, D.B. Ligon. A Comparison of Blood Chemistry of Alligator Snapping Turtles in Wild, Reintroduced, and Captive Populations. Turtle Survival Alliance, Tucson, Arizona.
9. Blasky, M.P. *, B.M. Fillmore, and D.B. Ligon. Demographics and recruitment patterns in a reintroduced population of alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Turtle Survival Alliance, Tucson, Arizona.
10. Voves, K. *, D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. Assessing suitability of alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*) reintroduction sites in eastern Oklahoma. Turtle Survival Alliance, Tucson, Arizona.
11. McKnight, D.T., E.C. Hollender, and D.B. Ligon. Where are the turtles? Looking for Western Chicken Turtles in Mississippi. Turtle Survival Alliance, Tucson, Arizona.
12. Voves, K. *, D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. Assessing suitability of alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*) reintroduction sites in eastern Oklahoma. Einhellig Interdisciplinary Forum, Springfield, MO.
13. Hollender, E.C. *, D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Relocating traps within a wetland increases trapping success. Einhellig Interdisciplinary Forum, Springfield, Missouri.

14. Hannabass, S.* , K. Voves, A. Dodd, S. Freudenthal, K. Backues, D.B. Ligon. A Comparison of Blood Chemistry of Alligator Snapping Turtles in Wild, Reintroduced, and Captive Populations. Einhellig Interdisciplinary Forum, Springfield, Missouri.
15. Grate, A.** , D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. Assessing fertility patterns in a captive breeding population of alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). CNAS Undergraduate Research Day, Missouri State University. (won 1st place in poster contest)
16. Grate, A.** , D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. Assessing fertility patterns in a captive breeding population of alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Missouri SLAMP Conference, Jefferson City, Missouri. (won 1st place in poster contest)
17. Hannabass, S.* , K. Voves, A. Dodd, S. Freudenthal, K. Backues, D.B. Ligon. A Comparison of Blood Chemistry of Alligator Snapping Turtles in Wild, Reintroduced, and Captive Populations. Southwestern Association of Naturalists, Chihuahua, Mexico.
18. Voves, K.* , D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. Assessing suitability of alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*) reintroduction sites in eastern Oklahoma. Southwestern Association of Naturalists, Chihuahua, Mexico.
19. Voves, K.* and D.B. Ligon. The application of side-scan sonar to quantify underwater turtle habitat. Southwestern Association of Naturalists, Chihuahua, Mexico.

2018

1. Penning, D.A., T. Pashia*, K. Voves*, and D.B. Ligon. Silver spoon snappers? Comparing bite forces in wild and head-started populations of alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Kansas Herpetological Society Annual Meeting, Wichita, Kansas.
2. Voves, K.* , D.M. Thompson, and D.B. Ligon. Assessing suitability of alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*) reintroduction sites in eastern Oklahoma. Missouri Herpetological Association, Kirbyville, Missouri.
3. Hollender, E.C.* , D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Relocating traps within a wetland increases trapping success. Missouri Herpetological Association, Kirbyville, Missouri.
4. Ligon, D.B., D.T. McKnight, and J. Harmon*. Distribution and habitat associations of western chicken turtles in southeastern Oklahoma. Turtle Survival Alliance, Fort Worth, Texas.
5. Ligon, D.B., D.T. McKnight, and J. Harmon*. Distribution and habitat associations of western chicken turtles in southeastern Oklahoma. Southwest PARC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
6. Dreslik, M.J., E.J. Kessler*, J.L. Carr, D.B. Ligon, and S. Ballard. Mortality is too damned high: demographic challenges of alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*) translocations. Turtle Survival Alliance, Fort Worth, Texas.
7. Dreslik, M.J., E.J. Kessler*, J.L. Carr, D.B. Ligon, and S. Ballard. Post-release growth rates of translocated alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Turtle Survival Alliance, Fort Worth, Texas.

8. Sardina, K.E.* , D.M. Thompson* , B.M. Fillmore, K. Graves, M.B. Lovern, and D.B. Ligon. Increasing alligator snapping turtle head-starting success through captive housing enhancement. Florida Herpetology Conference, Gainesville, Florida.
9. Sardina, K.E.* , D.M. Thompson* , R. Fillmore, B.M. Fillmore, K. Graves, and D.B. Ligon. Hypomelanism rates in a captive population of alligator snapping turtles. Florida Herpetology Conference, Gainesville, Florida.
10. Hollender, E.C.* , T.L. Anthony* , and D.B. Ligon. Motor boat injury rates and patterns in aquatic turtle communities. Florida Herpetology Conference, Gainesville, Florida.
11. Hollender, E.C.* and D.B. Ligon. Aquatic turtle community composition in artificial and natural oxbow lakes in southeastern Kansas. Florida Herpetology Conference, Gainesville, Florida.
12. Tappmeyer, B.S.* , D.M. Thompson* , B.M. Fillmore, K. Graves, and D.B. Ligon. Body condition and body composition of captive and reintroduced alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Missouri Natural Resources Conference, Osage Beach, Missouri.
13. Hollender, E.C.* , T.L. Anthony* , and D.B. Ligon. Motor boat injury rates and patterns in aquatic turtle communities. Missouri Natural Resources Conference, Osage Beach, Missouri.
14. Sardina, K.E.* , D.M. Thompson* , R. Fillmore, B.M. Fillmore, K. Graves, and D.B. Ligon. Hypomelanism rates in a captive population of alligator snapping turtles. Missouri Natural Resources Conference, Osage Beach, Missouri.

2017

15. Hollender, E.C., T.L. Anthony, and D.B. Ligon. Motor boat injury rates and patterns in aquatic turtle communities. Southwestern Association of Naturalists, Lawton, Oklahoma.
16. Thompson, D.M., D.B. Ligon, J.C. Patton, and M Papes. Effects of life-history requirements on the distribution of a threatened reptile. Southwestern Association of Naturalists, Lawton, Oklahoma.
17. Riedle, J.D., T. Anthony, D.B. Ligon, and D.R. Edds. Spatial relationships and anthropogenic effects on river turtle assemblages in Kansas and Oklahoma. Southwestern Association of Naturalists, Lawton, Oklahoma.
18. Ligon, D.B., D.M. Thompson, K. Backues, B.M. Fillmore, and K. Graves. Fifteen years of head-starting alligator snapping turtles. Turtle Survival Alliance, Charleston, South Carolina.
19. Hollender, E.C., T.L. Anthony, and D.B. Ligon. Motor boat injury rates and patterns in aquatic turtle communities. Turtle Survival Alliance, Charleston, South Carolina.
20. Tappmeyer, B.S., D.M. Thompson, B.M. Fillmore, K. Graves, and D.B. Ligon. Body condition and body composition of captive and reintroduced alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Turtle Survival Alliance, Charleston, South Carolina.
21. Spangler, S.J., D.M. Thompson, B.S. Edmond, B.M. Fillmore, K. Graves, and D.B. Ligon. Growth rates and activity patterns of alligator snapping turtle hatchlings. Turtle Survival Alliance, Charleston, South Carolina.

22. Sardina, K.E., D.M. Thompson, R. Fillmore, B.M. Fillmore, K. Graves, and D.B. Ligon. Hypomelanism rates in a captive population of alligator snapping turtles. Turtle Survival Alliance, Charleston, South Carolina.
23. D.T. McKnight and D.B. Ligon. Estivation site selection of western chicken turtles (*Deirochelys reticularia miaria*). Turtle Survival Alliance, Charleston, South Carolina.
24. Riedle, J.D., T. Anthony, D.B. Ligon, and D.R. Edds. Spatial relationships and anthropogenic effects on river turtle assemblages in Kansas and Oklahoma. Turtle Survival Alliance, Charleston, South Carolina.
25. McKnight, D.T., E.C. Hollender, H. Howell, and D.B. Ligon. Good vibrations: a novel method for sexing chelonians. Turtle Survival Alliance, Charleston, South Carolina.

2016

1. Thompson, D.M., D.B. Ligon, M. Papes. Assessing climatic constraints on the distribution of the alligator snapping turtle. Missouri Herpetological Association, Kirbyville, MO.
2. Riedle, J.D., D.B. Ligon, M. Howery, and M. Fullerton. Conservation and management of the alligator snapping turtle in Kansas and Oklahoma. Turtle Survival Alliance, New Orleans, Louisiana.
3. Spangler, S.J., D.M. Thompson, B.M. Fillmore, and D.B. Ligon. Fall activity patterns of hatchling alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Turtle Survival Alliance, New Orleans, Louisiana.
4. Thompson, D.M., R. Fillmore, B.M. Fillmore, and D.B. Ligon. Reproductive investment patterns in a captive population of alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Turtle Survival Alliance, New Orleans, Louisiana.
5. Thompson, D.M., D.B. Ligon, M. Papes. Assessing climatic constraints on the distribution of the alligator snapping turtle. Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology, Portland, OR.

2015

1. Kupec, C. and D.B. Ligon. Underwater and undetected: Aquatic respiratory capacity of a secretive aquatic turtle. Ecological Society of America, Baltimore, MD.
2. Ligon, D.B., B.M. Fillmore, J.L. Bosman*, D.B. Moore, and D.M. Thompson*. Alligator snapping turtle translocation: an 8th year progress report. Turtle Survival Alliance, Tucson, AZ.
3. Ligon, D.B., B.M. Fillmore, E.R. Sievers*, D.M. Thompson*, and C.R. Tucker*. Two case studies of reintroduction as a tool for the conservation of turtles: ornate box turtles versus alligator snapping turtles. Turtle Survival Alliance, Tucson, AZ.
4. Thompson, D.M.*, D.B. Ligon, and M. Papes. Assessing climatic constraints on the distribution of the alligator snapping turtle. Turtle Survival Alliance, Tucson, AZ.
5. Riedle, J.D., T. Anthony*, D.B. Ligon. Local and regional variation in turtle assemblage structure. Turtle Survival Alliance, Tucson, AZ.

2014

1. Gann, E.* and D.B. Ligon. Reintroduction ecology of alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*) on the Kansas/Oklahoma border. Missouri Herpetological Association. Kirbyville, MO.
2. Harmon, J.R.* , D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Diet composition of the razor-backed musk turtle. Missouri Herpetological Association. Kirbyville, MO.
3. McKnight, D.T. and D.B. Ligon. Good vibrations: a novel method for sexing chelonians. Missouri Herpetological Association. Kirbyville, MO.
4. Kupec, C.* and D.B. Ligon. Underwater and undetected: aquatic respiratory capacity of a secretive aquatic turtle. Missouri Herpetological Association. Kirbyville, MO.
5. Sievers, E.R.* , C.R. Tucker, J.T. Strickland, D.K. Delaney, and D.B. Ligon. Reintroduction program evaluated using activity patterns and home range size of head-started *Terrepenne ornata*. Missouri Herpetological Association. Kirbyville, MO.
6. Thompson, D.M., D.B. Ligon, and R.A. Van Den Bussche. Assessing relatedness in a captive population of alligator snapping turtles. Turtle Survival Alliance, Orlando, FL.
7. Kupec, C. and D.B. Ligon. Temperature-dependent respiration activity for juvenile alligator snapping turtles. Turtle Survival Alliance, Orlando, FL.
8. Ligon, D.B., K. Backues, B.M. Fillmore, and D.M. Thompson*. Ontogeny of gonad and genital morphology in juvenile alligator snapping turtles. Southwestern Association of Naturalists. Stillwater, OK.
9. Thompson, D.M.* , D.B. Ligon, and R.A. Van Den Bussche. Assessing relatedness in a captive population of alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Southwestern Association of Naturalists. Stillwater, OK.
10. McKnight, D.T.* , J.R. Harmon** , J.L. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. The spring-summer nesting and activity patterns of the western chicken turtle (*Deirochelys reticularia miaria*). Southwestern Association of Naturalists. Stillwater, OK.
11. McKnight, D.T.* , A.C. Jones* , and D.B. Ligon. The omnivorous diet of the western chicken turtle (*Deirochelys reticularia miaria*). Southwestern Association of Naturalists. Stillwater, OK. *McKnight won 3rd place in the Clark Hubbs Student Poster Award competition.*
12. Sievers, E.R.* , C.R. Tucker, J.T. Strickland, D.K. Delaney, and D.B. Ligon. Reintroduction programs evaluated using activity patterns and home range size of head-started *Terrapene ornata*. Southwestern Association of Naturalists. Stillwater, OK.
13. Harmon, J.R.** , D.T. McKnight, and D.B. Ligon. Diet composition of the razor-backed musk turtle (*Sternotherus carinatus*). Southwestern Association of Naturalists. Stillwater, OK.
14. Thompson, D.M.* and D.B. Ligon. Reproductive investment patters in a population of alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology. Austin, TX.

2013

1. McKnight, D.T.* and D.B. Ligon. The spring-summer nesting and activity patterns of the western chicken turtle (*Deirochelys reticularia miaria*). Turtle Survival Alliance, St. Louis, MO. *McKnight was Awarded the Best Student Presentation Award*
2. McKnight, D.T.* , A.C. Jones* , and D.B. Ligon. The omnivorous diet of the western chicken turtle (*Deirochelys reticularia miaria*). Turtle Survival Alliance, St. Louis, MO.
3. Thompson, D.M.* and D.B. Ligon. Nest predation patterns in reintroduced Alligator Snapping Turtles. Turtle Survival Alliance, St. Louis, MO.

4. McKnight, D.T.* , T. Dean** , D.B. Ligon. An effective method for increasing the catch rate of pitfall traps. Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. Albuquerque, NM.
5. McKnight, D.T.* , A.C. Jones* , and D.B. Ligon. The omnivorous diet of the western chicken turtle (*Deirochelys reticularia miaria*). Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. Albuquerque, NM.
6. Anthony, T.* , J.D. Riedle, B.M. Fillmore, and D.B. Ligon. Alligator snapping turtle reintroduction biology. MSU Graduate Interdisciplinary Forum. Springfield, MO.
7. McKnight, D.T.* , A.C. Jones* , and D.B. Ligon. The omnivorous diet of the western chicken turtle (*Deirochelys reticularia miaria*). MSU Graduate Interdisciplinary Forum. Springfield, MO.
8. McKnight, D.T.* , T. Dean** , D.B. Ligon. An effective method for increasing the catch rate of pitfall traps. MSU Graduate Interdisciplinary Forum. Springfield, MO.
9. McKnight, D.T.* , T. Dean** , D.B. Ligon. An effective method for increasing the catch rate of pitfall traps. Southwestern Association of Naturalists. Lake Charles, LA.
10. C.R. Tucker* , J.T. Strickland, D.K. Delaney, and D.B. Ligon (presenter). Reintroduction Program Reveals Homing Behavior and a Previously Unknown Nesting Strategy in *Terrapene ornata*. Southwestern Association of Naturalists. Lake Charles, LA.
11. Radzio, T.A.* , C. Tucker* , J.T. Strickland, D.K. Delaney, and D.B. Ligon. Use of automated radio telemetry to detect ornate box turtle nesting activity. Freshwater Turtle, Tortoise, and Terrapin session of the International Sea Turtle Symposium, Baltimore, MD.
12. Thompson, D.M.* , B.M. Fillmore, and D.B. Ligon. Nesting behavior and ecology of alligator snapping turtles. Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology. San Francisco, CA.
13. Thompson, D.M.* and D.B. Ligon. Rocky Raccoon Must Die: Nest Predation Patterns in a Reintroduced Population of Alligator Snapping Turtles. Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology. San Francisco, CA.

2012

1. Thompson, D.M.* , B.M. Fillmore, and D.B. Ligon. 2012. Nesting behavior and ecology of alligator snapping turtles. Missouri Herpetological Association. Jefferson City, MO.
2. Anthony, T.* , J.D. Riedle, and D. B. Ligon. 2012. Reintroduction of a long-lived species: the alligator snapping turtle. Missouri Herpetological Association. Jefferson City, MO.
3. Hollender, E.** , T. Anthony* , and D.B. Ligon. 2012. The effects of recreational boat traffic on injury rates in freshwater turtles in northeastern Oklahoma. Missouri Herpetological Association. Jefferson City, MO.
4. McKnight, D.T.* , T.L. Dean** , and D.B. Ligon. 2012. An effective method for increasing the catch rate of pitfall traps. Missouri Herpetological Association. Jefferson City, MO.
5. Ligon, D.B., M.B. East* , and J.D. Riedle. 2012. The importance of maintaining long-term studies when monitoring long-lived organisms: lessons from a medium-term study. Turtle Survival Alliance, Tucson, AZ.
6. Thompson, D.M.* , B.M. Fillmore, and D.B. Ligon. 2012. Nesting behavior and ecology of alligator snapping turtles. Turtle Survival Alliance, Tucson, AZ.
7. Hollender, E.C.** , T.L. Anthony* , and D.B. Ligon. 2012. Injury rates in freshwater turtles in northeastern Oklahoma. Missouri State University College of Natural and Applied Sciences Undergraduate Research Forum. Springfield, MO.

8. Riedle, J.D., M.B. East*, and D.B. Ligon. 2012. The importance of maintaining long-term studies when monitoring long-lived vertebrates. Missouri Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting, Columbia, MO.
9. Anthony, T.L.*, D.B. Ligon, and J.D. Riedle. 2012. Freshwater turtle communities in three rivers in northeastern Oklahoma. Missouri State University Graduate Interdisciplinary Forum. Springfield, MO.
10. Tucker, C.R.*, Ligon, D.B., Radzio, T.A., Strickland, J.T. and Delaney, D.K. 2012. Use of automated telemetry to detect nesting activity in Ornate Box Turtles. Missouri State University Graduate Interdisciplinary Forum. Springfield, MO.
11. East, M.B.*, Riedle, J.D. and D.B. Ligon. 2012. Changes in Aquatic Turtle Community Structure at Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge, Oklahoma: a Decadal Survey. Missouri State University Graduate Interdisciplinary Forum. Springfield, MO.
12. Thompson, D.M.* and D.B. Ligon. 2012. Rocky Raccoon Must Die: Nest Predation Patterns in a Reintroduced Population of Alligator Snapping Turtles. Missouri State University Graduate Interdisciplinary Forum. Springfield, MO.
13. Ligon, D.B., T. Sanders*, and R. Kazmaier. 2012. Thermal ecology of yellow mud turtles (*Kinosternon flavescens*) during hibernation. Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology. Charleston, SC.

2011

1. Anthony, T.* and D.B. Ligon. 2011. Freshwater Turtle community Composition and Microhabitat Preferences among Three Rivers in Northeastern Oklahoma. Kansas Herpetological Society. Wichita, KS.
2. Tucker, C.*, T.A. Radzio, J.T. Strickland, D.B. Ligon, and D.K. Delaney. 2011. Can Automated Radio Telemetry Quantify Ornate Box Turtle Activity and Nesting Patterns? Kansas Herpetological Society. Wichita, KS.
3. Thompson, D.M.* and D.B. Ligon. 2011. Rocky Raccoon Must Die: Nest Predation Patterns in a Reintroduced Population of Alligator Snapping Turtles. Kansas Herpetological Society. Wichita, KS.
4. Riedle, J.D. and D.B. Ligon. 2011. Conservation of Alligator Snapping Turtles in the Mississippi River Drainage, and a Review of the Species' Status in Missouri. Missouri Herpetological Association. Steelville, MO.
5. Anthony, T.* and D.B. Ligon. 2011. Freshwater Turtle Species Composition and Microhabitat Preferences among Three Rivers in Northeastern Oklahoma. Missouri Herpetological Association. Steelville, MO.
6. East, M.B.* and D.B. Ligon. 2011. Diet and feeding behavior of juvenile alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*) in eastern Oklahoma. Missouri Herpetological Association. Steelville, MO.
7. Radzio, T.A., C. Tucker*, J.T. Strickland, D.B. Ligon, and D.K. Delaney. 2011. Can Automated Radio Telemetry Quantify Ornate Box Turtle Activity and Nesting Patterns? Missouri Herpetological Association. Steelville, MO.
8. Thompson, D.M.* and D.B. Ligon. 2011. Rocky Raccoon Must Die: Nest Predation Patterns in a Reintroduced Population of Alligator Snapping Turtles. Missouri Herpetological Association. Steelville, MO.
9. Ligon, D.B., T. Sanders*, and R. Kazmaier. 2011. What turtles do when they ain't doing nothing: winter ecology of the yellow mud turtle (*Kinosternon flavescens*). Turtle Survival Alliance. Orlando, FL.

10. Miller, J.L.* , and D.B. Ligon. 2011. Nesting ecology in a reintroduced population of alligator snapping turtles. Turtle Survival Alliance. Orlando, FL.
11. Ligon, D.B., T. Sanders* , and R. Kazmaier. 2011. Thermal ecology of yellow mud turtles (*Kinosternon flavescens*) during hibernation. Southwestern Association of Naturalists. Tyler, TX.
12. East, M.* and D.B. Ligon. 2011. Community-level effects of alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*) reintroductions: diet of three aquatic turtle species in eastern Oklahoma. Southwestern Association of Naturalists. Tyler, TX. (poster)
13. Miller, J.L.* , M. East* , B. Fillmore, D.B. Ligon. 2011. Nesting Ecology in a Translocated Population of Alligator Snapping Turtles. Southwestern Association of Naturalists. Tyler, TX. (poster)

2010

1. Sanders, T.* and D.B. Ligon. 2010. Thermal ecology of yellow mud turtles (*Kinosternon flavescens*) during hibernation. Missouri Herpetological Association. Steeleville, MO.
2. Miller, J.* and D.B. Ligon. 2010. Nesting ecology in a translocated population of alligator snapping turtles. Missouri Herpetological Association. Steeleville, MO.
3. Sanders, T.* and D.B. Ligon. 2010. Thermal ecology of yellow mud turtles (*Kinosternon flavescens*) during hibernation. Turtle Survival Alliance. Orlando, FL. (poster)
4. Ligon, D.B. and B.M. Fillmore. 2010. Alligator snapping turtle conservation on the Oklahoma-Kansas border. Southwestern Association of Naturalists. Junction, TX.

2009

1. Ligon, D.B., D. Moore, B. Fillmore, and S.F. Fox. 2009. Alligator snapping turtle reintroduction and translocation: highs and lows. Turtle Survival Alliance. St. Louis, MO.

2008

1. Ligon, D.B., R. Fife, J.R. Bidwell, & M.B. Lovern. 2008. Sex and incubation temperature effects in a tortoise, *Geochelone sulcata*. Turtle Survival Alliance. Tucson, AZ. (poster)
2. Ligon, D.B., C.C. Peterson, M.B. Lovern. 2008. Acute and persistent effects of incubation and post-embryonic thermal environments on hatchling metabolic rate in the red-eared slider turtle, *Trachemys scripta*. Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology. San Antonio, TX.
3. Adams, A.L., D.B. Ligon, M.B. Lovern. 2008. Breeding density effects on plasma and yolk hormones in green anole lizards: a laboratory study. Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology. San Antonio, TX.

2007

1. Ligon, D.B., B. Fillmore, K. Graves, and J.D. Riedle. 2007. Ex Situ Wildlife Management: The Role of Captive Propagation in Conservation of the Alligator Snapping Turtle, *Macrochelys temminckii*, in Oklahoma. Kansas Herpetological Society Annual Meeting.
2. Riedle, J.D., D.B. Ligon, and K. Graves. 2007. Distribution and Management of Alligator Snapping Turtles, *Macrochelys temminckii*, in Kansas and Oklahoma. Kansas Herpetological Society Annual Meeting.
3. Ligon, D.B., J.D. Riedle, and K. Graves. 2007. Alligator snapping turtle translocation. Turtle Survival Alliance. Atlanta, GA.
4. Riedle, J.D., D.B. Ligon, and K. Graves. 2007. Prioritization of Alligator Snapping Turtle Release Sites in Oklahoma. Turtle Survival Alliance. Atlanta, GA.

5. Ligon, D.B., G. Gregory, R. Kazmaier, and M.B. Lovern. 2007. Variation in desiccation tolerance among red-eared slider turtle populations. Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology. Phoenix, AZ.

2006

1. Ligon, D.B. and K. Graves. 2006. Conservation Implications of Incubation Temperature for Alligator Snapping Turtles. Turtle Survival Alliance. St. Louis, MO.
2. Rasmussen, N., D.B. Ligon, and D. French. 2006. Intraspecific variation in desiccation tolerance in the scorpion *Centruroides vittatus*. Wentz Research Symposium, Oklahoma State University.
3. Gregory, G., D.B. Ligon, R. Kazmaier, and M.B. Lovern. 2006. Variation in desiccation tolerance among red-eared slider turtle populations. Wentz Research Symposium, Oklahoma State University.
4. Watkins, S., D.B. Ligon, and M.B. Lovern. 2006. Dietary Effects on Metabolic Cost and Duration of Digestion in an Omnivorous Lizard. Wentz Research Symposium, Oklahoma State University.
5. Ligon, D.B. 2006. Implications of Metabolic Rate-Mass Allometry during Embryonic Development. Southwestern Association of Naturalists. Colima, Mexico.
6. Ligon, D.B. and M.B. Lovern. 2006. Maternal, Sex and Incubation Temperature Effects on an Endangered Tortoise, *Geochelone sulcata*. Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology. Orlando, FL.

2005

1. Ligon, D.B. 2005. Interspecific variation in physiological response to incubation temperature among four sympatric turtle species. Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. Tampa Bay, FL.
2. Ligon, D.B. 2005. Conservation implications of incubation temperature for alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. Tampa Bay, FL.
3. Ligon, D.B. 2005. Effects of incubation temperature on embryonic development and hatchling performance of alligator snapping turtles (*Macrochelys temminckii*). Southwestern Association of Naturalists. Huntsville, TX.
4. Ligon, D.B. 2005. The herps of South Africa. OSU Department of Zoology Lunchtime Seminar Series.
5. Ligon, D.B., J.F. Husak, and C.C. Peterson. 2005. Variation in resting metabolic rate across season, class, and year in the collared lizard. Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology. San Diego, CA

2004

1. Ligon, D.B. 2004. Social implications of low maintenance requirements in collared lizards. OSU Department of Zoology Lunchtime Seminar Series.
2. Ligon, D.B., J.F. Husak, and C.C. Peterson. 2004. Variation in resting metabolic rate across season and class in the collared lizard. Southwestern Association of Naturalists. San Antonio, TX
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