

## **The Wildlife Society's Excellence in Wildlife Education Award for 2020**

### **Dr. Richard Baydack**



This award celebrates sustained exemplary teaching and contributions to the improvement of wildlife education. Dr. Rick Baydack is Professor of Environmental Science and Studies at the University of Manitoba, where he has been on faculty since 1979. He has also held a number of academic administrative positions at the University of Manitoba, including Associate Dean (Academic) of the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources; Chair of the Environmental Science and Studies Program; Acting Head of the Department of Environment and Geography; Associate Director of the Natural Resources Institute; Chair of the University Senate Committee on Awards; and Graduate Chair of the Department of Environment and Geography and Natural Resources Institute. Thus, during his distinguished 41-year academic career, he has experienced the gamut of levels at which one can influence students and other professionals with a strong emphasis on preparing the next generation for solving real- world problems. Rick has been involved with mentoring individuals, developing academic and outreach programs at UM, and promoting programs and training for young professionals across professional societies. Rick has excelled in each of these areas, but it is the breath of his involvement and his dedication and passion for educating students and supporting young professionals that is why he is so deserving of this award. Congratulations Rick!