

Symposium in Honor of William (Bill) Lidicker
UC Berkeley Museum of Vertebrate Zoology
Grinnell-Miller Library
Wednesday March 22, 2023
12 – 4:30 pm

12:00 pm – Introduction, Michael Nachman, MVZ Director

Session 1 (Moderated by Jim McGuire, MVZ Curator of Reptiles and Amphibians)

12:10 pm – Rick Ostfeld, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies

12:30 pm – Ticul Alvarez, Centro de Investigaciones Biologicas del Noroeste

12:50 pm – Alex Yu, National Taiwan University

1:10 pm – Open Time for Reflections

1:40 pm – Break

Session 2 (Moderated by Rauri Bowie, MVZ Curator of Birds)

2:10 pm – Doug Kelt, UC Davis

2:30 pm – Eileen Lacey, UC Berkeley

2:50 pm – Jim Patton, UC Berkeley

3:10 pm – Closing remarks, Michael Nachman

3:15 pm – Reception and tours of the MVZ

William Z. Lidicker (1932-2022)

William (Bill) Lidicker passed away April 28, 2022. Bill received his BS from Cornell University in 1953 and his PhD from the University of Illinois in 1957 under Donald Hoffmeister. That same year, he took a position as Instructor in Zoology at UC Berkeley. He was subsequently hired as an Assistant Professor in Zoology and Assistant Curator of Mammals in the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology in 1959. He quickly rose through the ranks to Professor, and he remained at Berkeley for his entire career. Bill was widely known for his work on mammals, and he made major contributions to ecology, population biology, and conservation. He served as President of the American Society of Mammalogists (1976-1978). He received the C. Hart Merriam Award in 1986 in recognition of his long-term contributions to mammalian research, and was made an Honorary Member of the Society, ASM's highest honor, in 1995. He also made many contributions to international mammalogy. Details of Bill's contributions to science can be found in this [biography](#) which provided an introduction to a special issue of *Therya* published last year in Bill's honor. Bill was an excellent teacher and mentor, and he trained many graduate students. He was a kind and loved member of our community, and we will miss him deeply.