

## AAS Trust Report

This is my final report as I am stepping down after 15 years (3 terms), 12 of those as Chair. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity, and to support so many students with not just funding but also constructive feedback from the trustees. I've learned a lot myself about so many scientific fields from reading and discussing proposals. During my tenure I have reviewed 243 proposals, agreed to give \$130,619 in grants, filled in historical gaps in the grant tracking database, made all that information available online, and celebrated the Trust's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

But enough about me.

Thank you to everyone who donated for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We raised over \$7,000, which will support worthy research, conservation, and education projects. Speaking of which...

The Trust met virtually on April 26. For the spring 2023 session the Trustees granted six awards totaling \$3,470.

- Paige Brewer (M.S., ASU) was dispersed \$480 to study dispersal abilities and genetic structure among island and mainland populations of Common Ground Doves and their lice.
- Fayetteville Public Schools will use \$800 to buy supplies for their second graders' ornithology curriculum (lucky kids!).
- Shannon Kitchen (M.S., UA-Fayetteville) boxed up \$1,000 for her look into Eastern Bluebird winter roosting behavior.
- Brandon Maiersperger (M.S., ATU) flew off with \$240 to study American Robins' post-fledging period.
- Brooke Poplin (M.S., U. North Texas) pounced on \$500 to test hypotheses about sociality in Harris's Hawks.
- Mitchell Pruitt (Ph.D., UA-Fayetteville) captured \$450 to finish up his study of Northern Saw-whet Owl movements.

My thanks to Dr. Than Boves, Lynn Christie, Dr. Ragupathy Kannan, and Cherrie-Lee Phillip, and for reviewing the proposals. Kannan will take over as Chair. The Trust is in expert hands.

Dan Scheiman, Chair  
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