

JANICE BAHR, Ph.D.



2025 HERITAGE HONOREE



Awards and Recognitions

- L.E. Casida Award from American Society of Animal Science (2017)
- Lifetime Achievement Award from Illinois Symposium of Reproductive Sciences (2011)
- Inaugural SSR Trainee Mentor Award Recipient (2007)
- SSR Distinguished Service Award (1997)
- Elected Fellow of American Association for the Advancement of Science (1985)

Research Accomplishment

Dr. Bahr is widely recognized for her exceptional ability to identify novel questions in reproductive biology and apply innovative models—ranging from chickens and fish to ferrets and black bears—to answer them.



Career Highlights

- BA in Biology from Viterbo College, Wisconsin.
- MS in Zoology from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- PhD in Physiology from University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
- Faculty at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Department of Animal Sciences from 1974-2009, currently Faculty Emeritus.
- Associate Vic Chancellor for Research at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- Over 200 research articles, reviews, and book chapters.
- Mentored over 70 graduate students and postdocs.
- Secured over \$9 million dollars of grant funding.

Service to Society for the Study of Reproduction

- President (1993-1994)
- Treasurer (1988-1991)
- Member of the Board of Directors (1984-1987)
- Member, Chair, and Co-Chair of numerous SSR Committees
- Associate Editor for Biology of Reproduction (1977-81)
- Established Janice Bahr Junior Scientist Travel Award (2017)

A Mentor to Many

Dr. Bahr mentored:

Undergraduates: Too many to count

Master students: 32

PhD students: 27

Post-doctoral fellows: 6

**"If I had a chance to relive my life, I would do exactly what I have done."
-Dr. Janice Bahr, Annu Rev Anim Biosci 2017.**



Reflections from her Scientific Family

"Dr. Bahr's contributions to reproductive biology, her leadership within SSR, and her unwavering dedication to mentoring the future of the field make her the most deserving candidate for this prestigious honor."
Humphrey Yao, PhD, Nominator

"Dr. Bahr treated trainees as more than just students, she treated us like human beings and was interested in our lives so she could guide us better for the future." - Kathryn Storey, PhD

"... Dr. Bahr loves sharing, teaching, mentoring and providing wonderful opportunities for a student lucky enough to be around her." Fernando Mesquita, PhD

"She provided all of us a 'wonderful opportunity' to 'do something for science'." Shelley Tischkau, PhD.

"Dr. Bahr was an extraordinary mentor for so many of us. She set high expectations for research and collegiality, while providing an environment in which each of us could flourish. Her impact on our individual lives and on the scientific community is immeasurable." Marcinkiewicz Jennifer, PhD.

"Dr. Bahr saw her trainees as people first, and then as scientists. I could always trust that she wanted what was best for me." Schulz Laura, PhD

