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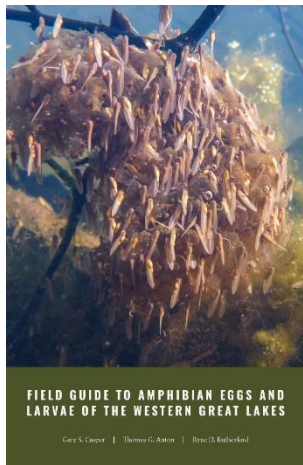


**Calling for new advisory board members!**

We are recruiting a junior co-chair and members for the advisory board. Advisory Board members serve a term of two years, beginning in September 2021.

If you are interested, please review [these](#) guidelines and send a letter of interest and CV to [jbuchan3@g.emporiam.edu](mailto:jbuchan3@g.emporiam.edu).

Voting will take place in August 2021.



**Field Guide to Amphibian Eggs and Larvae of the Western Great Lakes**

Available for purchase at our [store](#).



## MWPARC Herpetofaunal Phenology Project

Herps are warming up in the Midwest!

Enter phenological observations related to emergence, anuran calling activity, observations of egg masses, mating aggregations, appearance of nests, nest depredation, hatchlings/neonates, and breeding migrations [here](#).



### Ohio PARC hosted its annual conference on March 24, 2021

This year's virtual conference drew 80 attendees for a keynote by Lauren Pond who chronicled the use of venomous snake handling in religious ceremonies. Additional topics included amphibian use of exurban areas, pesticide effects on wood frogs, timber rattlesnake habitat use, and hellbender recovery.

We also rolled out the **Ohio Herp Atlas**, a data repository for herp observations that is powered by the HerpMapper.org platform. Anyone can enter herp observation by downloading the HerpMapper application for smartphones, or by going [here](#). This year, we are focusing on recording observations of western chorus frog, spotted salamander, five-lined skink, queen snake, eastern box turtle, and European wall lizard.



## MWPARC Student Grant Scholarships Awarded for Spring 2021

Ten \$100 travel grants were awarded to students from SD, OH, MI, IL, IN, MN, and MO. Stay tuned for student research updates!

**Be on the lookout!**

**Fall 2021**

## MWPARC Virtual Conference 2021



More details to come, stay tuned!