

Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients

Dr. David D. Briske

Dr. Briske has contributed to the Society and profession over a span of 37 years in the capacity of researcher, mentor, and educator to promote knowledge of rangeland plants and ecosystems. His accomplishments include teaching hundreds of undergraduate students, mentoring numerous graduate and postdoctoral students, and conducting research on multiple topics.

Dr. Briske's early work emphasized population dynamics of grasses and their responses to defoliation while his more recent research focus on resilience-based management and the influence of global change on savanna ecosystems. His work has provided an important link between science and management that has identified principles and applications to promote sustainable rangeland management. Dr. Briske has strengthened the academic foundations of the Society by contributing to its major ecological publications and technical programs, serving as Associate Editor for *Rangeland Ecology and Management* (REM) 2005-2007, and as the Editor in Chief of the Journal since October 2007.

Service to the profession includes short course presentations to 400 NRCS personnel during the past 20 years to incorporate contemporary science into land management recommendations. More recently Dr. Briske has served as academic coordinator to the USDA Conservation Effects Assessment Program to evaluate the ecological benefits of rangeland conservation practices and to inform policy makers of alternative conservation planning and assessment procedures. Collectively, these accomplishments represent a lifetime of commitment and dedication to rangeland stewardship.

