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John Bickham joined the Purdue faculty in 2006 to serve as the Director of the Center for the Environment and Professor of Forestry and Natural Resources. Prior to his arrival at Purdue, Dr. Bickham was a professor of genetics, toxicology and wildlife and fisheries sciences Texas A&M. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Dayton. He earned his doctoral degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Dr. Bickham received the Distinguished Professor Award from the Association of Graduate Wildlife and Fisheries Scientists at Texas A&M, the Award for Excellence in Research from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Donald W. Tinkle Research Excellence Award from the Southwestern Association of Naturalists. He currently is a member of the review board for the journal *Ecotoxicology*, is president of the Texas Society of Mammalogists, and is a member of the U.S. delegation to the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission. He was president of the Southwestern Association of Naturalists from 1985-87.

Dr. Bickham has had a distinguished research career, publishing over 180 papers in peer reviewed scientific journals. His research program focuses on population genetics of Steller sea lions and bowhead whales, biodiversity studies in wildlife and ecotoxicological studies in contaminated environments. Bickham also has led research in capillary-based sequencing and genotyping at the Center for Biosystematics and Biodiversity and in using swallows as sentinels of environmental health in U.S.-Mexico border regions and elsewhere. His international studies include projects in Azerbaijan, Russia and Guatemala.