

CURRICULUM VITAE

KEN KAWATA

Personal Data

Place of birth: Miyazaki, Japan (26 April 1937)

Citizenship: U.S.A. (naturalized in 1977)

Language skills: Bilingual -- English and Japanese

Special interests: Natural history of vertebrates; mammals in captivity; zoo and circus history

Hobbies: Travel, movies, reading, music

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Education

Northeastern Oklahoma State University Graduate College, Tahlaqua, Oklahoma. Master of Education degree, 1978

College of Agriculture, Miyazaki University, Miyazaki, Japan. Bachelor's degree in agricultural science, 1961

Job History

(1) Staten Island Zoo, Staten Island, New York, General Curator, February 1999-December 2005

(2) Belle Isle Zoo, Detroit, Michigan, Assistant Curator, April 1988-October 1989; Curator, October 1989-January 1999

(3) Milwaukee County Zoo, Milwaukee, General Curator, August 1981-November 1987

(4) Tulsa Zoo, Tulsa, Oklahoma, General Curator, November 1975-August 1981

(5) Indianapolis Zoo, Indianapolis, Indiana, Curator, January 1973-October 1975

(6) Topeka Zoo, Topeka, Kansas, Animal Keeper, October 1969-January 1973

(7) Tokyo Zoological Park Society, Tokyo, Japan, Magazine Editor, April 1963-June 1969

(8) Ueno Zoo, Tokyo, Japan, Student Intern, July 1959 and July 1960

Experiences in Zoo Field

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT:

Second in command, taking charge in the director's absence (Staten Island and Tulsa), supervising employees (42 in Staten Island, 64 in Tulsa). Established and developed curatorial

system, hiring and supervising a total of 54 subordinates including curators and subordinate supervisors (Milwaukee). Organized and conducted zookeeper education programs; day-to-day supervision of animal care personnel (all curatorial positions held).

ANIMAL COLLECTION MANAGEMENT:

Responsible for management of collections of zoo animals in all curatorial positions held, up to 600 species and 4,300 specimens (Milwaukee). Established and supervised comprehensive elephant management programs (Tulsa and Milwaukee). Designed animal collection structure, acquired animals and oversaw animal management with emphasis on mammals; assisted in designing animal exhibits and housing facilities (all curatorial positions held).

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES:

Assisted in marketing and special event programs (Milwaukee and Staten Island); taught zoo volunteer education programs (Topeka, Tulsa and Milwaukee); conducted research and participated in international and national zoo organization activities in all zoo employment.

Publications

Extensive authorship in zoo publications. List of representative samples available upon request.

Major Offices Held in Zoo and Related Organizations

2010-present: Zoo Video Archive Project advisory team

2003-2005: Member, Baboon Species Survival Plan Management Group, American Association of Zoos and Aquariums

2002-2005: Member, Advisory Panel, Staten Island Children's Museum

2001-2005: Peer Reviewer, Visiting Committee, American Association of Museums

1995-2005: Field Reviewer, Institute of Museum and Library Services

1990-2015: Member, Conservation Breeding Specialist Group, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

1989-1999: Member, Mexican Wolf Captive Management Group (in conjunction with the Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

1984-1986: Chairman, Animal Welfare Committee, American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums

1982-1985: Member, Ethics Board, American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums

1982-1988: Associate Editor, *Zoo Biology*

1974-1986: Member, Advisory Panel, *International Zoo Yearbook*, Zoological Society of London

Faculty Appointments

1985-1987: Ad Hoc Instructor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1977-1981: Instructor, Claremore College, Claremore, Oklahoma

Relevant Seminars Attended

American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquarium Conservation Academy, Studbook Keeper Course, 1992; Species Survival Plan Coordinator Course, 1994, St. Louis, Missouri
Institute of Museum and Library Services General Operating Support Field Reviewer Workshop, 1996, Alexandria, Virginia

Addendum

Conference attendances (after 2004)

2004: Circus Historical Society (CHS) convention (made a presentation), Nyack, New York
2005: CHS convention (made a presentation), Baltimore, Maryland; World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (partial participation), New York, New York
2006: CHS convention, Sarasota, Florida
2007: Circus Fans Association of America conference (CFA), Hershey, Pennsylvania
2008: Nineteenth International Meeting of Collectors of Zoo Literature and Memorabilia (Zoohistorica), Wroclaw, Poland (honored guest); CFA convention, West Springfield, Massachusetts
2010: CHS convention, Bloomington, Illinois; Zoohistorica, Landau, Germany
2011: CHS convention, Ft. Mitchell, KY (organized and moderated a panel discussion)
2013: CHS convention, Peru, IN (made a presentation)
2014: CHS convention, Montreal, Canada; Zoohistorica, Cologne, Germany
2016: ASLE Symposium, Silver City, NM (made a presentation); CHS convention, Sarasota, Florida
2017: Zoohistorica, Wroclaw
2018: New Mexico History Conference, Alamogordo (made a presentation); CHS convention, Baraboo, Wisconsin; Zoohistorica, Antwerp
2019: Zoohistorica, Nuremberg
2022: Zoological Association of America annual conference, Phoenix suburb