



Troy Ladine

Candidate for 2018 Academic Director

Troy A. Ladine is currently a Professor of Biology at East Texas Baptist University. He has been at ETBU since 2001. Prior to his time at ETBU he was at Dana College in Blair, NE and Bethel College in MacKenzie, TN. He wanted to be at a small college where teaching was a priority that also allowed him time to do research. He enjoys his time at ETBU and interacting with the students. He has taught several courses at ETBU: both semesters of the General Biology sequence, Human Anatomy and Physiology for biology majors, Ecology, Evolution, Environmental Issues, and a short-term course on the birds of east Texas. In addition, to his teaching duties, he is active researcher. In his research, he includes as many undergraduate students as possible and encourages them to present their research findings at TAS meetings. He helped students at ETBU establish the ETBU-TAS Chapter in 2011 and has students present at every annual meeting since 2012. His students have also presented at the annual meeting for The Association of Southwestern Naturalists. He has served as the Conservation Ecology Section Chair and Vice-chair in the past and is currently the Vice-chair for the Conservation Ecology Section.

His primary research interest is with medium-sized and small mammals. He has been investigating an apparent lack of small mammals on the ETBU Environmental Studies Area for 16 years. Three years ago, he started research on long-term community dynamics of medium-sized mammals in the same area in an attempt to determine why there appears to be a paucity of small mammals in the area.

Troy grew up in a small town in western Nebraska, 100 miles from Cheyenne, WY. He started college in 1974 at The University of Nebraska. After 2 years in Lincoln, he took time off from college and then transferred to Bartlesville Wesleyan College (now Oklahoma Wesleyan College) where graduated in 1980 with his B.S. in biology. After receiving his B.S. degree, he worked in the Geochemistry Section of the research facility of Phillips Petroleum doing mass spectrometry and indirect detection of petroleum lab and field work. In 1982, he

went to The University of South Dakota to work on his Master's degree. After graduating with his Master's in 1984, he worked for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service until starting his doctoral work at then Memphis State University. Under the direction of Michael Kennedy, he investigated the interactions between raccoons and Virginia opossums for his dissertation research. He earned his Ph.D. in 1995 from The University of Memphis.