

# MICHAEL JOSEPH RYAN

*Clark Hubbs Regents Professor in Zoology*

*Short Resume*

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**Michael J. Ryan** is the Clark Hubbs Regents Professor in Zoology at the University of Texas, Austin. He received a BA in Life Sciences at Glassboro State College in New Jersey (1975), an MS in Zoology from Rutgers University, Newark (1977), and his Ph.D. in Neurobiology & Behavior from Cornell University (1982). He was then a Miller Postdoctoral Fellow in the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at the University of California at Berkeley (1982-1984) before beginning a position as an Assistant Profess at the University of Texas where he has remained. He has been a Research Associate at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama since 1982.

Ryan's primary research interests are in the evolution and mechanisms of animal behavior, especially animal communication and sexual selection.

Ryan has received numerous awards. He is a Fellow of the *American Academy of Arts & Sciences*, the *American Association for Advancement of Science*, the *Guggenheim Foundation*, and the *Institute for Advanced Studies in Berlin*. He has received the *Exemplar Award* from the Center for Integrative Studies in Animal Behavior (Indiana University, 2007), the *Joseph Grinnell Medal*, from the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology (UC, Berkeley; 2008), and the *E.O. Wilson Naturalist Award* from the American Society of Naturalists (2010). He was also selected as one of the *25 Leaders in Animal Behavior* (book published 2010, Cambridge Univ. Press).

He has presented more than 150 invited lectures. He has also more than 280 scientific papers. (excluding Perspectives, News & Views, Primers, etc.). Ryan has published nine scientific papers in *Science*, three in *Nature*, five in *PNAS USA*, and four in *Current Biology*. He has also published four books, one sole author, one co-authored, and two edited volumes. His 1985 book *The Túngara Frog, A Study in Sexual Selection and Communication* has been considered a classic in its field.

Ryan has served on numerous external reviews for science departments, has been a panel member for the National Science Foundation, and served on numerous editorial boards. He is currently a member of the Editorial Board for *Biology Letters* and is on the Board of Reviewing Editors for *Science*.

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