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Dean F. Stauffer was appointed associate dean for academic programs in the College of Natural Resources and Environment in August 2010. He joined the faculty of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation in July 1983 and was promoted to professor in 2003. As associate dean, he is focused on serving graduate and undergraduate students and supporting the instructional mission of the college. He has established "Dean's Councils" of undergraduate student leaders and graduate students to give them a voice within the college and to help address issues that they may have concerning academic and professional issues. He also is assisting departments with initiatives to bring new degree platforms forward to advance the college's academic programs.

Stauffer established a solid research and teaching program during his time in the fish and wildlife conservation department, where he mentored 10 doctoral and 20 master's students, and served on over 90 graduate student committees. His research focus has been on wildlife-habitat relationships, seeking to better understand how wildlife interact with their habitat and how we can use this information to assess potential impacts of habitat changes on wildlife populations. He has published over 100 articles and presented over 100 talks on his research. In addition, he is the editor of "Appalachian Ruffed Grouse Ecology and Management," a book that resulted from a six-year multi-state cooperative project.

He has an established record as a teacher, having developed undergraduate courses on wildlife techniques and habitat ecology and assessment. At the graduate level, Stauffer developed courses in study design and analysis,

and advanced habitat analysis. He has been selected by students on four occasions to receive recognition as an outstanding professor and has been awarded a Certificate of Teaching Excellency by the university.

Stauffer has served as a wildlife section coordinator, chaired the undergraduate affairs committee, and served as an advisor for the student chapter of The Wildlife Society. He has chaired the college's Diversity Committee and the Student Policy and Affairs Committee and served as the CNRE Faculty Association President. At the university level, he has served on the Commencement Committee, Commission on Graduate Studies, and Biological Sciences Initiative Committee, and as an Honor System Advisor.

Stauffer has been active professionally in The Wildlife Society. He served as an associate editor for The Wildlife Society Bulletin for four years and is a charter member of both the College and University Education (chair for two years) and the Ethnic and Gender Diversity (secretary-treasurer for three years) working groups within the society.

A native of North Dakota, Stauffer received a B.S. in fish and wildlife management from the University of Idaho in 1975, an M.S. in animal ecology from Iowa State University in 1978, and a Ph.D. in forestry, range, and wildlife resources in 1983. He taught at the University of Idaho prior to joining Virginia Tech in 1983. He took a sabbatical leave with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1990-91 in Fort Collins, Colo., where he assisted in the development of habitat assessment and management procedures and protocols. Stauffer and his wife, Bennie, live in Blacksburg and have four children.

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