



Oscar W. Schalm Lectureship



Saturday, April 9, 2022 • 11:10 a.m.

Gladys Valley Hall, Antech Auditorium 1020

“Diving Into Hummingbird Research: A Small Bird With A Big Story”

2022 Oscar W. Schalm Lecturer Dr. Lisa A. Tell, DVM '91

Dr. Lisa A. Tell is a professor in the Department of Medicine and Epidemiology at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. She is also a diplomate in the American College of Zoological Medicine and the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (Avian). After obtaining her DVM degree (UC Davis 1991), she trained at the National Zoological Park in Washington, D.C. for three years as a zoological medicine intern and resident where she worked with animals ranging from naked mole rats to giant pandas. In 1994, Dr. Tell joined the Davis faculty and served as Chief of Service for the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital's Companion Avian and Exotic Pet Medicine Service. In 2006, Dr. Tell was appointed as the Western Region Director and the avian specialist for the Food Animal Residue Avoidance and Depletion Program, which she still currently oversees. She became a Master Hummingbird Bander and Director of the Hummingbird Health and Conservation Program. Dr. Tell enjoys mentoring undergraduate and veterinary students, training several clinical house officers, and serving as major professor or co-major professor for graduate students. Her research has focused on diagnosing and treating avian diseases, classical pharmacokinetic studies in birds and small ruminants, and hummingbird disease ecology. She has collaborated on establishing health parameters for hummingbirds, banded and/or subcutaneously placed radio frequency identification tags in thousands of hummingbirds from five different species, and developed welfare conscious approaches and techniques for studying diseases that threaten this charismatic and enchanting taxa of urban wildlife.



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The Oscar W. Schalm Lectureship, established in 1988, honors the memory of Oscar W. Schalm, a founding faculty member of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and an eminent teacher and research scientist in the fields of bovine mastitis, diagnostic veterinary hematology and clinical pathology. The lectureship promotes a tradition of scholarship, service and commitment to veterinary medicine and recognizes the lecturer's distinguished contributions to the profession.