
Preface

Stan was Chair of the Psychology Department at the University of Southern Mississippi in 2005, so it was he who offered me my first tenure-track position. I was eager to accept the offer with the promise of being able to collaborate with Stan on studies of sea lions housed at the time at the Marine Life Oceanarium in Gulfport, MS. These plans never came to fruition because of the catastrophic damage of Hurricane Katrina, which devastated the MS coast within one month of the start date of my new faculty position. Stan led our department through this tumultuous time when research was put on the back burner and the focus was on repairing lives and maintaining our campus on the coast. We remained friends and colleagues, but never had the chance to collaborate until we were reunited through our commitment to Division 6 of the American Psychological Association (APA), which is now the Society for Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology, thanks to the work of previous president David Washburn, who co-authors the introduction to this volume. Stan was the president of the division/society at the time of his passing, and he and I were working closely together to help further its mission. In working together on the Division 6 program for the 2015 meeting of the APA, Stan agreed to organize a session on personality in nonhumans in conjunction with the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (Division 8 of the APA). It was in this session that we met Alex Weiss, who graciously agreed to participate in this session. Out of the lively discussion that arose during this session, the idea for this volume was born. Stan and I readily embraced the opportunity to collaborate on a project, and so it is bittersweet that this volume has come to fruition in his absence. I am grateful to the support and assistance of my co-editor, Alex Weiss, who has been instrumental in bringing this project to life. It is our hope that this volume, along with the journal *Animal Behavior and Cognition* that Stan founded, will serve as a long-lasting testament to the impact that Stan has made on this field in general, and on his colleagues more personally.

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