

# Plenary Session

Thursday, 7 July  
New Orleans Marriott  
Salon D-H

- 8:15 a.m. Welcome**  
Kyle Piller, Chair, Local Host Committee (or local dignitary)
- 8:30 a.m. Award Presentations**  
ASIH Gibbs, Fitch and Johnson Awards  
SSAR/HL/ASIH Meritorious Teaching Award in Herpetology  
ASIH/AES Meritorious Teaching Award in Ichthyology  
PARC Alison Haskell Award for Excellence in Herpetofaunal Conservation  
PARC Visionary Leader Award  
Joseph Nelson Award
- 9:15 a.m. JMIH Plenary Keynote Speaker**  
**“Exploring the Deep Frontier”**  
Dr. Sylvia Earle, Founder of Deep Ocean Exploration and Research, Inc.,  
Founder of Mission Blue and SEAlliance
- 9:45 a.m. Beverage Break**
- 10:15 a.m. AES Plenary Speaker**  
**“Conservation biology of sawfishes: Is there hope for the most imperiled elasmobranchs?”**  
R. Dean Grubbs, Ph.D., Associate Director of Research Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory
- 10:35 a.m. HL Distinguished Herpetologist**  
**“Known knowns and unknown unknowns: herpetological progress in fits and starts”**  
**Jonathan** Losos, Monique and Philip Lehner Professor for the Study of Latin America, Professor of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, and Curator in Herpetology, Museum of Comparative Zoology Harvard University
- 10:55 a.m. ASIH Past Presidential Address**  
**“GIANTS!”**  
Dr. Larry G. Allen, Chair and Professor of Biology, California State University Northridge
- 11:15 a.m. ASIH 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Speaker #1**  
**“Out of Bounds”**  
Lynne Parenti, Smithsonian Institution
- 11:35 a.m. ASIH 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Speaker #2**  
**“100 Years of ASIH – And the Beat Goes On!”**  
Jay Savage, San Diego State University
- 11:55 a.m. Closing and Announcements**