

Dr. Philip Currie

Full Professor, Dinosaur Paleobiology (University of Alberta, Edmonton).

Works on dinosaurs (growth and variation, anatomy and relationships of carnivorous dinosaurs, and Cretaceous ecosystems of Dinosaur Park (Canada) and Nemegt Formation of Mongolia).

BSc (Toronto, 1972), MSc (McGill, 1975), PhD (McGill, 1981), Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (1999), Honorary Doctorate of Laws (University of Calgary, 2008). Honorary Doctorate of Science (University of British Columbia, 2015). Canada Research Chair (2007-2019).

Interested in dinosaurs since childhood. Fieldwork connected with his research concentrated in Alberta, Antarctica, the Arctic, Argentina, British Columbia, China and Mongolia.

He has published more than 335 scientific articles, 178 popular articles and twenty books. Sir Frederick Haultain Award (for significant contributions to science in Alberta), 1988. Michel T. Halbouty Human Needs Award, AAPG, 1999. Michael Smith Award for Science Promotion, 2004. ASTech (Alberta Science and Technology Leadership) Foundation, Outstanding Leadership in Alberta Science Award, 2006. Alberta Order of Excellence, 2010. Explorers Club (Canadian Chapter) Stefansson Medal, 2011. Explorers Club Explorer's Medal, 2012. Royal Canadian Geographical Society, Gold Medal, 2012. Order of the Polar Star (Mongolia, 2013), Meritorious Service Cross (Governor General of Canada, 2016). Elizabeth (Betsy) Nicholls Award for Excellence in Palaeontology (2019). Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum opened in 2015 near Grande Prairie.

Since 1986, he has supervised more than 30 graduate students at the Universities of Alberta, Calgary, Saskatchewan, and Copenhagen. In 2012 helped develop University of Alberta's first Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) called DINO 101. It had its premiere in September of 2013 and more than 100,000 students from all over the world have taken this course. A mini-MOOC (Paleontology: Theropod Dinosaurs and the Origin of Birds) was released in 2016.

He has given more than 1000 lectures in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Sweden and the United States, and the venues include the American Museum of Natural History (New York), the Explorer's Club (New York) and the National Geographic Society (Washington). To date, over 50,000 people have attended his lectures. He has given more than 1200 newspaper, magazine, radio, film and television interviews for articles and programs, including Discover, National Geographic Magazine, New York Times, Time, the Today Show, Discovery Channel's Paleoworld, PBS's Nova series, and a CBS primetime program on dinosaurs.

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