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Philip Currie

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

Works on dinosaurs, focusing on problems with growth and variation, the anatomy and relationships of carnivorous dinosaurs, and the origin of birds. Has long-term goals of understanding the rich Cretaceous ecosystems of Dinosaur Park (Canada) and the 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, he finds that the excitement of discovery (fossils in the field, and ideas in the "lab") constantly renews his interest. Fieldwork connected with his research has been concentrated in Alberta, Antarctica, the Arctic, Argentina, British Columbia, China and Mongolia.

He has published more than 265 scientific articles, 175 popular articles and twenty books. Sir Frederick Haultain Award (for significant contributions to science in Alberta), 1988. Commemorative Medal, 125th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation, 1993. Michel T. Halbouty Human Needs Award, AAPG, 1999. Michael Smith Award for Science Promotion, 2004. Museums Alberta Lieutenant Governor's Award, 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). City of Edmonton, Community Service Hall of Fame (2019). Elizabeth (Betsy) Nicholls Award for Excellence in Palaeontology (2019). Partners in Research Canada, Science Ambassador Award (2019) Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum opened in 2015 near Grande Prairie.

Since 1986, he has supervised or co-supervised more than 30 graduate students at the Universities of Alberta, Calgary, Saskatchewan, and Copenhagen.

He has given more than 800 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 Canadian Geographic, Discover, Equinox, Macleans, 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.

Hobbies include swimming, hiking, reading and cooking.

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