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Dr. Thomas A. Griffiths, assistant professor of biology at Illinois Wesleyan University, has been named the winner of the American Society of Mammalogists' 1982 ASM Honoraria Award.

The award was based on a paper Griffiths, who has done extensive research on bats, submitted to the ASM Honoraria committee.

The awards committee has the option of naming three recipients of Honoraria Awards but limited its selection to Griffiths.

Griffiths, who is in his first year on the faculty at Wesleyan, will receive \$250 and will read the paper June 21 during the ASM convention in Provo, Utah. The title of the paper is "Systematics of the New World Nectar-Feeding Bats (Glossophaginae): Based on the Morphology of the Hyoid and Lingual Regions." The paper deals with nectar-feeding bats, which are found in Central America and South America. Bats found in the United States feed on insects.

Griffiths became interested in doing research on bats while an undergraduate student at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine. He continued his research on them while earning his master's degree at the University of Maine and his doctorate at the University of Massachusetts.

"Three things particularly interested me. Bats are the only mammals that fly, they are one of the few that use echoes to determine their location and one of the few that are true hibernators," he said.