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## Clinical Sciences

## Basic Sciences



Dr. Merkley received his DVM from Iowa State University and MS in Veterinary Surgery from Michigan State University.

Dr. David Merkley, DVM, MS, received the SCAVMA Clinical Sciences Teaching Award that is given to faculty members in recognition of excellence in clinical teaching. Dr. Merkley has taught small animal soft tissue surgery to second, third, and fourth year veterinary students at Iowa State since 1979. Prior to joining the ISU faculty, he taught at Michigan State University. His clinical responsibilities in the ISU Veterinary Teaching Hospital involve handling the soft tissue surgical referral problems that are presented for evaluation. He is responsible for the development of the majority of the video library that is used for surgical teaching. He states that he is most proud of the development of the junior surgical laboratory and the positive impact it has on students who have a true interest in developing their skills in surgery.

When asked to comment on what it meant to him to again receive this award (1978 MSU recipient), he smiled, and replied, "it means so much. To know you still have the same energy to successfully impact students that you had when you were younger is cool!"♦

Dr. Etsuro Uemura, DVM, MS, PhD was awarded the SCAVMA Basic Sciences Teaching Award for excellence in teaching the basic sciences. Dr. Uemura is a professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. He has been with the department for nineteen years. "I was surprised to hear my name called at the ceremony. I am honored," said Dr. Uemura.

Currently he teaches first-year students in two courses, neuroanatomy and histology. Dr. Uemura's research focuses on finding a cure for alzheimer's disease in humans. "It's not exactly in the field of veterinary medicine, but I'm trying to find a cure so I can remember everything about the pigs' and ruminants' stomachs," he said jokingly. His work has been published primarily in *Brain Research*. He is also a member of the Society for Neuroscience and the Society for Veterinary Anatomists.♦



Dr. Uemura is a graduate of Tokyo University and received his MS at Minnesota and his PhD from Wisconsin-Madison.

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