



WILLIAM MONTEVECCHI

Dr. William Alan Montevecchi, recipient of the John Lewis Paton Distinguished University Professorship, is internationally recognized for his pioneering contributions to behavioural ecology, conservation, psychology and natural history. His illustrious track record for scientific discovery has raised Memorial's global profile for cutting-edge research and attracted high-calibre graduate students and collaborators. Dr. Montevecchi's prolific work as an environmental steward and champion of science communications inspires the next generation of scientists, policy-makers and community leaders.

Over a more than 40-year career, Dr. Montevecchi, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Science, has led groundbreaking studies on environmental influences on animal behaviour and ecology. His research demonstrates that seabird prey landings correspond with — and can predict — fishery catches of mackerel and squid off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Among North America's most pre-eminent natural scientists, he has secured more than \$7 million in competitive funding; published more than 200 scientific articles in top-rated, peer-reviewed journals and more than 20 peer-reviewed book chapters, edited volumes and monographs; and delivered more than 500 presentations locally, nationally and internationally.

As a mentor, Dr. Montevecchi has supervised or co-supervised more than 70 undergraduate students and more than 45 graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, many of whom have gone on to influential careers in research, academia and industry.

Dr. Montevecchi has served with national and international groups such as Nature Conservancy Canada, the Society of Canadian Ornithologists and the United Nations Global Reporting and Assessment State of the Marine Environment.

He received the Canadian Partners in Research Science Ambassador Award, the City of St. John's Admiral Award and holds the designation of University Research Professor at Memorial.

"At a time when our global biodiversity is being eroded more rapidly than ever before in the history of humans' existence, we desperately need people like Dr. Montevecchi," said Dr. Nancy J. Turner, Distinguished Professor *Emeritus* and 2015 Pierre Elliott Trudeau Fellow, University of Victoria. "I would say that Dr. Montevecchi is, in fact, a Canadian national treasure."