

# **W. David Stahlman**

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Fredericksburg, VA, US

Dr. Stahlman specializes in animal behavior.

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## **Biography**

Dr. Stahlman's expertise centers around animal learning, behavior, comparative cognition, creativity and problem solving, and the questions of freedom and determinism. In particular he has conducted research on behavioral variability, problem solving and creativity in animals such as rats, and the study of simple learning and anti-predator behavior in hermit crabs. He is an author of a chapter, "There is room for conditioning in the creative process," published in *The Neuroscience of Creativity*. In addition, his articles have appeared in peer-reviewed journals, including the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Animal Behavior Processes*, *Learning & Behavior*, the *International Journal of Comparative Psychology*, *Behavioural Processes*, *Animal Behaviour*, and *Learning & Motivation*. He has presented his research at national symposiums, including the Conference on Comparative Cognition and the annual meetings of the Psychonomics Society and the American Psychological Association.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Psychology, Comparative Cognition, Experimental Psychology, Animal Behavior

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## **Education**

**University of California at Los Angeles**

Ph.D. Psychology

**University of California at Los Angeles**

M.A. Psychology

**Franklin & Marshall College**

B.A. Neuroscience

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