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Sam Fuhlendorf is currently Regents Professor and holds the Groendyke Chair in Wildlife Conservation at Oklahoma State University. He has received the Outstanding Young Professional Award for the Society for Range Management in 2002, the James A. Whatley Award of Merit for Research from OSU in 2001, the Outstanding Achievement Award for Research from the Society for Range Management in 2010, the Regents Distinguished Research Award at OSU in 2012, named Fellow by the DaVinci Institute for Creativity in 2013, and the Oklahoma Award 2016 by the The Wildlife Society-OK. His current research is focused on 1) understanding the role of disturbance-driven heterogeneity in the structure and function of grasslands, 2) integrating a landscape perspective into conservation of rangelands and wildlife, 3) fire ecology, 4) wildlife conservation, and 5) understanding how plants and animals are distributed across landscapes. He teaches *Applied Ecology and Conservation*, *Landscape Ecology* and *Ecology of Fire Dependent Ecosystems*. He received his BS in Agriculture at Angelo State University, MS at Texas A&M University in 1992 and Ph.D. at Texas A&M in 1996. After a brief post-doctoral research associate position, he started at Oklahoma State University in 1997 as an Assistant Professor and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2002 and Professor in 2004. He has published over 140 peer-reviewed articles in international journals, such as *Bioscience*, *Ecosphere*, *Plant Ecology*, *Journal of Vegetation Science*, *Journal of Wildlife Management*, *Journal of Applied Ecology*, *Science*, *Conservation Biology*, *Ecological Applications*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*, and *Rangeland Ecology and Management*. His favorite role is being a dad to his daughter Catie and a grandfather to her children- Jaden, Kai and Laney.