

## **BIOGRAPHY – Shelley M. Alexander, PhD**

Dr. Alexander is a Professor in the Department of Geography (UC) and a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. She has over 30 years of experience studying wild canids, specializing in wolves and coyotes. Shelley has been a leader in the use of non-invasive field methods for conservation, and her scholarship spans disciplines of wild canid behavioural ecology and conservation, animal ethics, geospatial analysis, habitat fragmentation, and human-wildlife coexistence. Shelley has completed 40+ graduate students, served on 50+ graduate examination committees (across Arts, Science, EVDS, Medicine, Vet Med), and has received NSERC and SSHRC funding for her research. Shelley also serves as a mentor for the UC One-Health Student Mentorship program (2021-pres) and on the Executive Board (2020-present) for the Calgary Institute for Humanities. She provides key operational support for the inter-departmental program UCalgary Living with Wildlife (<https://research.ucalgary.ca/wildlife>), enhancing UC risk management, sustainability and wildlife coexistence. Her in-situ research on UC campuses has provided data to the Spyhill and Main Campus LRDPs. Shelley is an elected member of UC Senate (2019-present), former UC Chancellor's Club member (2001-2019), and has served on several not-for-profit boards (e.g., Miistakis-MRU, Calgary Foundation). Shelley regularly mobilizes research to media and community groups and has provided expert testimony on wild canids to Provincial and State courts across North America. An avid horsewoman, Shelley also has been a member of award-winning mounted group rides in the Stampede Parade and has trained broadly in equitation.