
Biological Sciences

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Announcements

Dear Faculty and Staff,

Happy New Year! I hope the department and its members have a very successful 2017. I would like to announce a few changes in duties effective January 1.

Scott Laster and John Godwin will no longer serve as Associate Department Heads. The Department is indebted to them both for providing leadership to the Department in 2015 and assisting me through 2016.

Russell Borski has passed the reigns as Coordinator of the Integrated Physiology and Neurology Concentration to John Godwin. Thank you, Russell, for a job well done, and John for taking on these duties.

Tim Petty has stepped down as DE Coordinator for the Department. Melissa Ramirez has assumed these duties. Thank you, Tim, for your excellent service and Melissa for assuming these responsibilities.

Margaret Huffman and Melissa Robins have added travel arrangements to their long lists of duties.

The Department is fortunate to have staff members, exemplified by Margaret and Melissa, who are always willing to contribute where needed.

-Jerry LeBlanc

Con-grant-ulations are in order for BioSci's Terry (Bucky) Gates for his recent success in securing one of NC State's 2016-2017 University Diversity Mini-Grant Awards! He and Jamila Simpson, Assistant Dean of Diversity with the College of Sciences, submitted their proposal, "Fostering Recruitment of Underrepresented Students with Fossils," which was one eleven projects selected this year. When asked about their proposal/efforts, Bucky reports he and Jamila will "bring in a group of NCSU students from underrepresented populations into a course I am teaching in the Spring entitled 'Multicultural Research and Outreach in Biological Sciences'. Over the course we will teach the students the ins and outs of my citizen science project "Shark Tooth Forensics" (making them veritable experts in fossil sharks). Additionally, we will instill teaching and leadership skills that they will use when we travel to high school classrooms in southeast Raleigh and Northeast North Carolina, all with high minority populations."

"The ultimate goals of our project are 1) to increase the confidence of students to pursue STEM careers, especially from populations that are currently underrepresented in those fields; 2) increase NCSU enrollment from underrepresented populations; and 3) give our NCSU students the opportunity to develop skills that will help them achieve leadership positions in their careers and lives."

They will receive \$3,000 for their project, the maximum award amount for the program (way to go, guys)! Click [here](#) to learn more about the University Diversity Mini-Grant program.

-Kathleen Wilson

Save-the-Date

Nominations are now being accepted for the **2017 Equity for Women Awards**. Nominations will close on **Monday, January 23, 2017 at 5pm.**

The NC State University Council on the Status of Women invites you to nominate NC State faculty, staff and students for the Equity for Women Award. This award is made annually to recognize faculty, staff and students for their outstanding leadership in establishing equity for women at NC State University. Nominations are solicited from all members of the campus

community, including faculty, staff, students, alumni and partners. This year, we will be awarding up to three individuals.

Not sure whom to recommend? Think about faculty, staff and students of any gender who are passionate, ambitious, inspired, courageous, and strong leaders with a commitment to advocacy of gender equity in everyday life at NC State University. Nominees should demonstrate excellence in one or more of the following areas over the past 12 months:

- Leadership: Taking action to promote gender equity on and beyond campus through leadership roles
- Service: Supporting equity for women through job-related or voluntary roles
- Scholarship: Contributing new knowledge and informing policy and practice related to women's well-being and equality

Criteria for rating these areas will be based on commitment to leadership, service, and/or scholarship as well as the impact of the nominee's efforts. Please note: Current members of the Council of the Status of Women are not eligible for the award and should not be nominated. Please check the current [roster](#) if you aren't sure who is on the council.

Please nominate worthy candidates for any category by completing the nomination form which can be found [here](#).

Attached please find an informational flyer for distribution.

Please contact Lisa LaBarbera-Mascote at [919-515-2012](tel:919-515-2012) with any questions.

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