

Introduction to the BioDiversity Committee

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Arkansas State University BioDiversity Committee

Mission Statement:

We recognizes that diversity, equity, and inclusion are all critical aspects to effective teaching, excellent research, and outstanding mentoring.

The BioDiversity Committee seeks to:

- Identify and provide access to resources and needs within the department
- Enhance visibility and support our diverse department
- Act as a conduit and resource for students, staff, and faculty in issues involving diversity, equity, and inclusion

Feel disconnected?

We have a wide-range of experiences that we want to share with you. We encourage you to reach out to a member who shares your experiences to get advice and connect!



Dr. John Artim (he/him)

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- Late-life PhD
- First generation



Dr. Jerry Farris (he/him)

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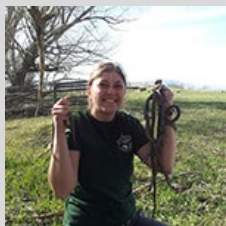
- Boomer
- First generation



Dr. Lori Neuman-Lee (she/her)

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- Parent in academia
- Woman in science
- Rural background
- Mental health advocate



Dr. Asela Wijeratne

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- International scholar
- Parent in academia



Student Resources

There are many resources available to students through A-State and the community. Please check out the online list!



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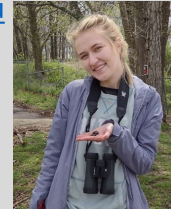
- Person of color
- First generation
- Sorority woman
- Mental health advocate



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- Woman in science
- Mental health advocate



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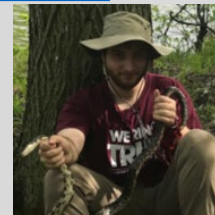
- Gay man



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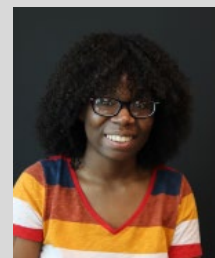
- Mental health advocate



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- Woman in science
- LGBTQ member
- First-generation
- Mental health advocate



Arkansas State University BioDiversity Committee Mission:

We aim to educate and inform all members of the A-State community on matters concerning diversity, equity, and inclusion using science-based, research-supported information.

On campus resources:

Food Pantry:
870-972-2055

Residence Life:
870-972-2320

Dining Services:
870-972-2059

Counseling Center:
870-972-2318

Access & Accommodation Services:
870-972-3964

Sexual Assault and Discrimination:
870-972-2015

Student Health Center:
870-972-2054

Multicultural Center:
870-680-4052

International Student Services:
870-972-2329

Pack Support:
870-972-3657

Campus Police:
870-972-2093

Off campus resources:
Suicide Prevention:
1-800-273-8255

Arkansas Disability Rights Center:
1-800-482-1174

Hispanic Community Services:
870-931-1884

Sexual Misconduct Resources:
870-933-9449

Jonesboro Non-Emergency Police:
870-935-5562

Emergency: 911

Questions or comments? Contact us!

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Check out the website!