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PROFESSOR KIMBERLY HAMMOND

Since joining the University of California, Riverside in 1995, Dr. Kimberly Hammond has established herself as one of the Department of Biology’s leading educators. Passionate, and with an “unbridled enthusiasm for the subject matter,” Dr. Hammond is as equally adept teaching broad lower division classes to interdisciplinary students as she is working with life sciences majors and pre-meds. Dr. Hammond is always willing to go above and beyond her basic teaching obligations, hosting workshops and additional office hours during her off hours to help students understand complex materials. Dr. Hammond is committed to creating a holistic and experiential learning environment for her students, regularly leading weekend field trips to local nature reserves where she shares her knowledge and love of the natural world with students before cooking for them in the evening. Away from the classroom, Dr. Hammond has served as Director of the US Department of Education’s GAANN award, supporting graduate students in dissertation research and encouraging outreach into the regional K-12 student community. At UCR she has also served as a graduate advisor and as Director of the Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology doctoral program. An active member of the local education community, Dr. Hammond is involved in education research and specifically how the mathematics and science performance of primary grade students in Riverside County might improve by augmenting teacher professional development with modern pedagogies. In the words of one of her colleagues, “she is unrelenting in her desire to do better – a true hallmark of a distinguished teacher.”