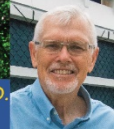


A message from the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UCI

James W. Hicks, Ph.D.  
Chair



Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce **Dr. Catherine Loudon** as the new vice-chair of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology effective January 17, 2019. Dr. Loudon joined UCI in 2006, after being a professor at the University of Kansas for 10 years and is currently a Professor of Teaching. Her research interests are in the area of biomechanics: the application of physical principles in the study of biological processes. Currently she is focusing on bio-inspired physical methods for the control of pest insects. Her research has led to a patent for microfabricating surfaces for the entrapment of arthropod pests.



During her time at UCI, Dr. Loudon has taught a variety of courses, ranging from large lecture courses to small seminars. She recently developed a laboratory course in Image Analysis. In addition, she has been an engaging mentor to numerous students in biology, public health and engineering.

Dr. Loudon has a strong record of service to the department, school, campus and system. Notably, she served as a member of the UC system-wide Senate-Administration Working Group on the Teaching series (headed by Diane O'Dowd, 2015-2016) that led to changes in the UC system APM in 2018.

Please join me in congratulating Professor Loudon on her new position.

Sincerely,

James W. Hicks  
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