

# College of Sciences & Mathematics Newsletter September 2020

## Arkansas Science Festival Will Continue In October

This year's Arkansas Science
Festival events will include sociallydistanced and virtual activities.
Tentative plans include a drive-in,
science-themed movie night; virtual
hands-on activities with kits available
for families; virtual classroom visits
by A-State researchers; safe, handson STEM activities at the ASU
Museum; socially-distanced star
gazing; short biopics of Arkansas
STEM professionals and more! Visit
our Facebook page and website for
more information as it develops!





#### **CoSM Faculty Spotlight**

## Rolland Receives Teaching Award

**Dr. Virginie Rolland**, associate professor of quantitative wildlife ecology, was named recipient of the Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching. Rolland, who came to A-State in 2011, earned her doctoral degree at the University of Paris VI.

#### **CoSM Faculty Spotlight**

## Sikkel Co-Authors Article on Fish Study

Dr. Paul Sikkel, associate professor of aquatic biology, and three of his Ph.D. students, Matthew Nicholson and Gina Hendrick, A-State, and Andres Pagan, University of Porto, are co-authors of an article in Marine Biology. The researchers, who were studying damselfishes of the genus Stegastes, found that bacterial communities residing on the skin of these fishes were related to taxonomy, environment and ontogeny. Their results align with earlier analyses of the dynamics of fish skin microbiomes.



### Service Milestones Achieved

Several individuals with the College of Science and Mathematics who have attained service milestones of 35, 30, 25, 20, and 15 years were recognized during the annual Faculty Conference held recently. Those recognized and their academic areas were:

> 35 years: Mark Draganjac, chemistry 30 years: William Paulsen, mathematics 25 years: William A. Burns, chemistry

20 years: Jennifer Bouldin, environmental biology

Julie Huggins, biology Bin Zhang, physics

15 years: **Argelia Lorence**, metabolic engineering

Fabricio Medina-Bolivar, metabolic engineering



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