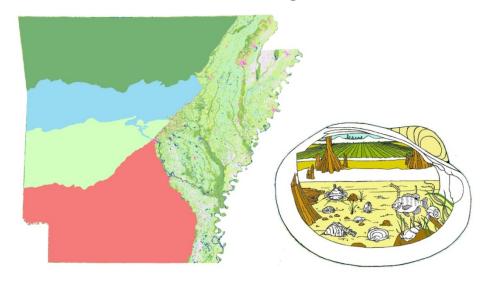
### AR Curriculum Conference

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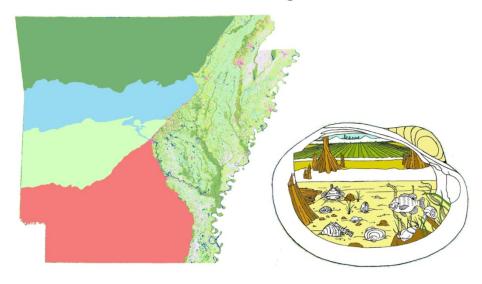
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Delta Institute for Math & Sci/ Educ.

GK12 School District Coordinator

### Welcome and Introductions

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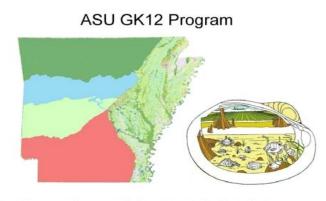
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PI: Dr. Jennifer Bouldin; Co-PI's:

Drs. Anne Grippo, Tillman Kennon, and Cynthia Miller

# GK12 Fellows Introductions (Resident Scientists)

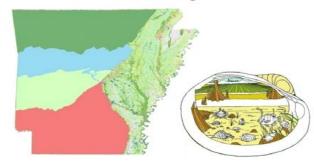
- Scott Chiavacci: Harrisburg
- Kevin Keen: Cross County
- Katie Lisko: Wynne
- Annabelle McKie: Cross County
- Bryan Reiley: Nettleton
- Mauricio Solis: Forrest City
- Seth Schimer: Wynne
- Sarah Thompson: Armorel



### **GK12 Mentor Teacher Introductions**

- Armorel: Alayna Duren, Kelly Hopper
- Cross County: Heidi Brewington, Jacob Maxwell, Jennifer McFarland, Melissa Moore
- Forrest City: Lisa Love, Charity McKeen
- Harrisburg: Denise Doyle, Teresa Sanders
- Nettleton: Heather Page, Matthew Novak
- Wynne: Cindy Barrett, Marc Griffin,
   Meredith Schweighart, Gabreia Smith

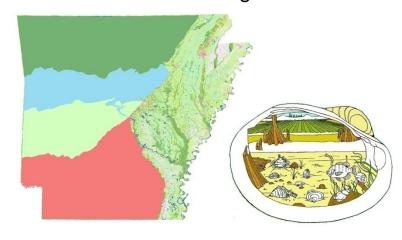
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### **Grant Statistics**

- National Science Foundation GK12 Program
- 5 year grant (renewed each year based on objectives met)
- \$2.3m total
- Yr. 2 funding approved

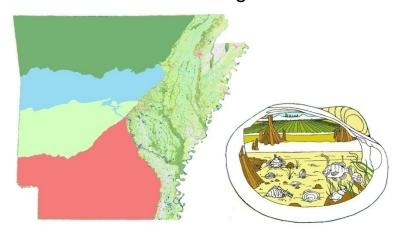
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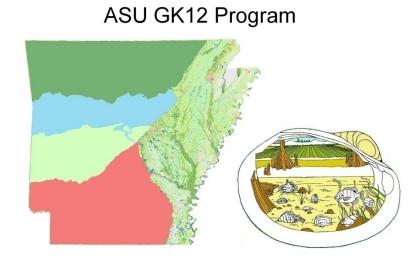
### Theme

"Land Use, Land Cover, and **Biodiversity in the** Mississippi Embayment": land converted from forested wetland ecosystems into highly productive row crop agriculture causing a highly fragmented and modified ecosystem.

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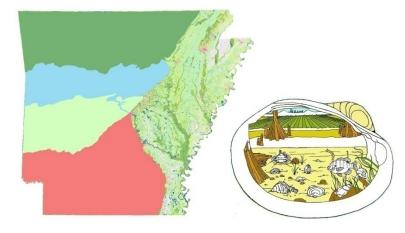


ASU Biodiversity research on atmospheric, soil, and water resources and how it affects ecosystems and organisms in our region.



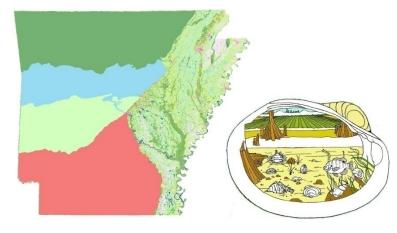
- Yr. 1 program placed 8
   Fellows with 15 Mentor
   Teachers in 5 districts to
   teach 4th 12th grade
   students lessons based on
   the Fellow's research and
   state/national standards.
  - Armorel
  - Cross County
  - Helena-West Helena
  - Nettleton
  - South Mississippi County

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- Yr. 2 places 8 Fellows with 16 Mentor Teachers in 6 districts to teach 6th – 10th grade students lessons based on the Fellow's research and state and national standards.
  - Armorel
  - Cross County
  - Harrisburg
  - Forrest City
  - Nettleton
  - Wynne

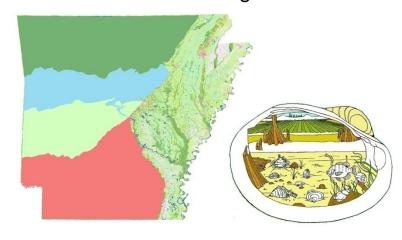
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#### The goals of the program are:

- 1) to improve Fellows' skills in communicating science to a broad audience while gaining a deeper understanding of their own research;
- 2) to improve or enhance teachers' knowledge and experience;
- 3) to peak students' interest in STEM and STEM careers while exposing students to an enriched STEM environment; and
- 4) to strengthen partnerships between ASU and school districts.

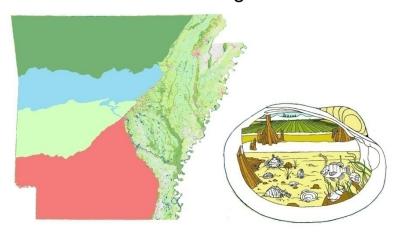
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#### Fellows' responsibilities:

- Develop 6E Lesson plans based on their research that fit the curriculum and meet AR Curriculum frameworks
- Work with 2 mentor science teachers at a school district
- Team teach 1 or 2 days/week

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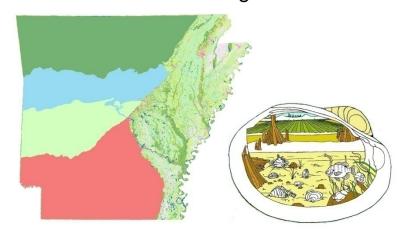


Mentor Teachers' responsibilities:

**Mentor Fellow regarding:** 

- Pedagogical techniques
- Content and Context
- Delivery
- Inspiring STEM careers

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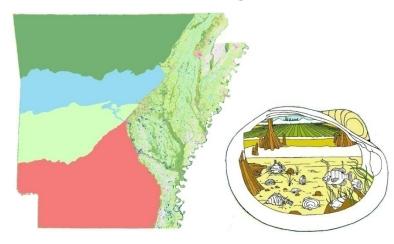


# Local Advisory Committee Members

- Mentor Teachers
- Fellow
- Administrator
- Parent

Community/Business Member

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## Local Advisory Committee Responsibilities

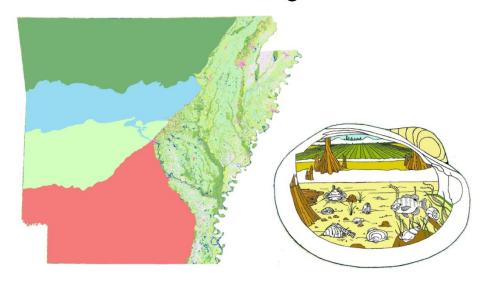
- Give feedback to School District Coordinator
- Meet at least once before Mid Year Meeting
- Meet at least once before Year End Meeting
- Other Meetings as needed
- Communicate any problems/issues promptly

### **GK12** Dissemination

- Include this project in ACSIP, Annual Reports, Resume/Vitae, National Board Certification, Presidential Award application, etc.
- Include GK12 news in school newsletters, website, emails, and news media (print & video). See sample press release.
- Submit Fellows' Lessons Plans to AR Science & Technology Authority SMART Webportal

## Thanks for coming!

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