



Southern Wesleyan University

Dr. Jeffrey Mohr

Dr. Jeffrey Mohr, associate professor of biology, is the 2022 SCICU Excellence In Teaching award recipient for Southern Wesleyan University. He earned a Ph.D. in wildlife and fisheries biology from Clemson University. His doctoral research focused on tracking timber rattlesnakes via implanted radio transmitters with Table Rock State Park as the primary field site. Dr. Mohr also earned an M.S. in zoology from Oklahoma State University and a B.S. in biology from Furman University.

At SWU Dr. Mohr teaches a variety of ecological and organismal courses. As a Clemson University adjunct professor he teaches a class in herpetology. During 2021, he mentored a Southern Wesleyan student in the SCICU Undergraduate Student/Faculty Research Program (“Movement and Behavioral Patterns of Northern Water Snakes in South Carolina Riverine Systems and Man-Made Bodies of Water”).

Dr. Mohr offers full immersion study-away opportunities and has taken students to Yosemite, Zion, and Grand Canyon National Parks to explore the unique ecological systems of these regions. He also leads students on field trips throughout South Carolina to acquire hands-on knowledge of the organisms and ecosystems present in the state.

Colleagues say it best regarding the nomination of Dr. Mohr for the SCICU Excellence In Teaching award: “This professor cares for his students! Dr. Mohr uses his own educational journey to encourage the students to identify their goals and work to achieve them. His enthusiasm for the topics in the classroom is contagious. And the better students get to know Dr. Mohr, the more they love him. These are all hallmarks of an amazing teacher and mentor who impacts students’ lives beyond the classroom. Our department is so thankful for his work.”

Outside higher education, Dr. Mohr’s employment has included Tropical Reptile Keeper at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden and rattlesnake surgeon.