



Wofford College

Dr. Lori Cruze

Dr. Lori Cruze, assistant professor of biology, is the 2022 SCICU Excellence In Teaching award recipient for Wofford College. She earned a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Florida and a B.S. in zoology from the University of Tennessee. Before joining the faculty at Wofford in 2015, she

worked at the Medical University of South Carolina as a postdoctoral fellow and research assistant professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Caring deeply for her students, Dr. Cruze strives to foster an inclusive learning environment where all students feel a sense of belonging. Her Wofford courses include biological inquiry, genetics, human physiology, and comparative reproductive biology. She is committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in education and is a 2021 Wofford Teaching for Equity Fellow.

Cruze is a reproductive biologist who recently published articles on the effects of prenatal exposure to endocrine-disrupting contaminants on human development. This collaborative research appeared in the journals *Environmental Research*, *Chemosphere*, *Environmental International*, and *Prenatal Diagnosis*. Dr. Cruze considers mentoring students in research one of her greatest joys. With the help of her students, she is currently researching the reproduction and survival of songbirds in the Upstate.