



HAPPY NEW YEAR AND SEMESTER

Greetings,

Looking at the calendar, Christmas wasn't that long ago, but time certainly passes quickly. January is almost over!

We're excited to begin 2020 and have kicked off the new semester. The team has been on the road since January 8th, and the months ahead look quite full.

Our new instructors, Ashley and Zach (center), are doing great work, and I'm thankful to have them with us. They are an excellent complement to our very able senior instructors, Dillon Gary and Hannah Leopard.



SUMMER PROGRAMS

Teachers' Course:

This year, Bio 612: Special Topics in Genetics will have a new topic: **'Genetics: Social Application and Impact'**. If you have taken Bio 612 in the past, don't worry that you may not be able to receive graduate credits. It is always the same course number, but the course topic changes. You will be able to receive graduate credit for the new course.

As in the recent years, the didactic portion of the course will be offered online through Lander University and the hands-on activities will take place through a two-day workshop. You can choose to attend either at GGC in Greenwood or on the campus of Trident Technical College in Charleston.



The course will focus on four specific areas of social concern and will introduce course participants to:

- Genetics: Effects on Social Policy and Law
- Proteins to Phenotypes
- Biotechnology and Society
- Impact of Reproductive Technologies
- SC Biology/Genetics Standards as pertains to social, ethical and legal issues

The brochure will be ready soon. I will send a copy to you electronically, and it will be posted to our website as well.

HS Summer Camp:

We have enjoyed working with students during the summer and plan to offer this camp again in Greenwood. The dates are July 13-16. If you have interested students, please encourage them to register. Brochures are in development and I'll also send those to you when completed.

Looking forward to seeing you in the new year and hopefully this summer!

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