

Lisa Pike
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Biosketch

Lisa grew up in Rochester NY where she spent every summer swimming and fishing in Lake Seneca. She has always loved biology and the out-of-doors, and majored in biology at SUNY Binghamton. Course work in tropical marine ecology there, and occasional vacations to beaches in Florida led me to pursue marine biology, specifically marine ichthyology, where she could put to use my love of swimming and SCUBA diving. Lisa has over 100 hours logged underwater, in such places as the murky NY Finger Lakes and Lake Ontario, the Atlantic Ocean off of North Carolina and Florida, the Caribbean and the Great Barrier Reef of Australia.

Lisa completed a master's degree in marine biology at Wilmington and then spend a year in Townsville, North Queensland, Australia as a Rotary Scholar at James Cook University. After working as a research technician at UNC Wilmington upon my arrival back in the states, she started teaching biology at a local community college and then at Francis Marion University (in 1993). Currently, Lisa teaches Biology 103 (environmental science), 105, 106, 115, 116 (all freshmen introductory courses), Biology 201 (environmental Science) and, sometimes, 204 (marine biology).

Today, her research interests lie not only with marine fish and artificial reef ecology, but also with teaching science. In particular, she have seen the light, and am moving towards interdisciplinary, inquiry, problem-based learning, which seems to make classes more interesting, and student engagement more complete.