

FACILITATING INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING EXPERIENCES THROUGH STRATEGIC INTERDISCIPLINARY FACULTY HIRES

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The ability to comfortably acquire and apply knowledge across disciplines is a critical skill that must be imparted to students if they are to be successful in today's work environment. As part of efforts to incorporate greater interdisciplinary work and collaboration in research and teaching, the University of Georgia has instituted an interdisciplinary faculty hiring initiative, resulting in the hiring of several new faculty members with joint positions between colleges and departments, many of which may not have traditionally interacted. In addition to facilitating greater interconnection across campus and forming bridges for increased research collaboration, these faculty positions have created opportunities for incorporating interdisciplinary experiences in the classroom and in student mentoring. In this talk, the presenter will discuss her experiences as an interdisciplinary hire between UGA's College of Engineering and the College of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, as well as experiences and examples from other interdisciplinary colleagues at UGA.