

Dr. David Culver's Bio

Dr. Culver holds a Ph.D. from Yale University in Biology. He has been a biology faculty member at American University since 1987. Prior to that, he held positions at Northwestern University, Harvard University and The University of Chicago. He also serves as Associate Dean of Sciences at American University and has a leadership role in developing external funding proposals for the institution. His main research interests center around the biology of subterranean organisms, including biogeography, evolution, and biodiversity analysis. Dr. Culver has held numerous awards from both private and government sponsors. Currently, he has grants from the National Park Service and The Nature Conservancy. He just completed a binational workshop on karst ecosystems in Slovenia that was funded by the National Science Foundation.

Ms. Catherine Kirby's Bio

Catherine Kirby has worked in the field of external funding at American University for twenty years. She is currently the Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs. In this position, she is responsible for management of submission of proposals, administration of awards, and assistance with various compliance committees on behalf of the institution. When she first came to the university in 1987, she was responsible for developing and administering educational partnerships between the university and external organizations. From 1994 to the present, she has held various research administration positions at AU including a year's service as the university's Associate Director for Corporate and Foundation Relations. She has an MA in Linguistics from American University with an interest in Japanese language and Teaching English as a Second Language. She is an active member of the Writer's Center in Maryland.