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PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY NEW ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH AT ECU

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Greenville – Dr. Cindy Putnam-Evans, professor of biology at East Carolina University, recently was appointed to the position of Associate Dean for Research in the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences. Putnam-Evans takes over for Dr. Scott Snyder, who retired at the end of December.

“I’m very excited about the opportunity to work with faculty across the entire college,” Putnam-Evans says. “I hope to help faculty acquire the resources they need in order to be successful grant writers.”

A native of Boiling Springs, N.C., Putnam-Evans began her academic career with approximately 1,100 fellow students at the local college, Gardner-Webb College, now Gardner-Webb University.

After completing her bachelor of science degree in biology from Gardner-Webb College, Putnam-Evans received her master of science degree in biochemistry from Clemson University in Clemson, S.C., and her doctoral degree in biochemistry from the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga. She went on to complete two post-doctorates. From 1988-89, she worked for the USDA at the Richard B. Russell Agricultural Research Center in Athens, Ga. Then from 1989-93, she worked in the Department of Botany, now part of the Department of Biological Sciences, at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La.

Putnam-Evans began her academic career at ECU in 1993 as an assistant professor in the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Department of Biology. In 1999 she became an associate professor, and in 2007, was promoted to full professor. Over the years, she has taught various courses in the field of biochemistry.

In addition to her new duties, Putnam-Evans continues to conduct research, which is funded through a grant she receives from the National Science Foundation. The focus of her research is the genetic engineering of proteins involved in the process of photosynthesis.

In her leisure time, Putnam-Evans enjoys reading fictional books, working in the yard and being an avid “soccer mom” to her 11-year-old son Nathaniel. At the end of this month, she also has the pleasure of celebrating her 26th wedding anniversary to her husband, Phil, a local attorney.

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