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## ECU HARRIOT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES NEW CHAIR OF BIOLOGY

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Greenville – The Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences at East Carolina University is pleased to announce Dr. Jeffrey Scott McKinnon as the new chair of the Department of Biology.

“My principal goal is to continue the Department of Biology’s rapid development into a premier program that serves eastern North Carolina through first rate research, teaching and outreach,” says McKinnon. “Critical to reaching this goal will be bringing our campus circumstances – particularly our building – up to the same level as the department’s consistently high performance.”

McKinnon comes to ECU from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He received his doctoral degree in organismic and evolutionary biology from Harvard University in 1994, his master of science degree in zoology from the University of Guelph, Canada, in 1988, and his bachelor of science degree in zoology from the University of British Columbia, Canada, in 1984.

After receiving his doctoral degree, McKinnon held lectureships and fellowships at Harvard University and the Universities of Victoria and British Columbia in British Columbia, Canada. He took a position as assistant professor of biological sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 1997, where he rose through the ranks to become full professor in 2006.

During this time, McKinnon also held adjunct appointments at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, Canada, and he was a visiting scholar at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.

Throughout his career, McKinnon has been honored with numerous grants, research awards and travel fellowships, including funding from the National Science Foundation. He is an invited member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and has participated in outreach and conservation activities including Earth Day and Darwin Day.

He has authored or co-authored over two dozen book chapters, book reviews and articles in scholarly publications, and he has been an invited guest lecturer at universities throughout the United States, Australia, Canada, Iceland, Indonesia and Germany.

When McKinnon is not hard at work, he enjoys activities with his family, including sea kayaking, playing music and playing soccer.

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