

## Faculty Biography

# Laura Stroik



## FACULTY

### DEGREES:

Ph.D. (Anthropology) 2014  
Arizona State University

M.A. (Anthropology) 2005  
Arizona State University

B.A. (Anthropology) 2001  
University of San Diego

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### Teaching Disciplines:

Anatomy

### Teaching Philosophy:

I try to impart the use of the scientific method and scientific reasoning in my students' learning. Although the details are important, my main objective is to foster students' ability to think critically and acquire a deeper conceptual understanding of the material. My hope is that this guides how they acquire knowledge throughout their lives.

### Research Interests:

- Mammalian dental evolution
- Paleogene mammalian evolution
- Species interactions in the fossil record
- Quantitative paleobiology

### Current Field Projects:

Uinta Basin, Utah (Middle Eocene)

La Venta, Colombia (Middle Miocene)

### Link to Research Publications:

[https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Laura\\_Stroik/research](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Laura_Stroik/research)

### Current Grants:

After the Bridgerian crash - mammalian paleocommunities and paleoecologies during the Middle Eocene.

Senior Research Grant, National Science Foundation.

### Awards:

2019 Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award, Graduate Student Association, Grand Valley State University

### Community Service:

Co-organizer of Science On Tap, Grand Rapids

### Personal Interests:

Swimming, hiking, and cute mammals