

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR HEATHER LORIMER

Dr. Lorimer earned her Bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Chicago, then her masters and doctorate at Columbia University where she studied cancer causing DNA viruses. She then went to the Department of Genetics at the University of Washington in Seattle in the department of Genetics where she was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship from the American Cancer Society and studied mitochondrial DNA.

She is an Associate Professor of Genetics at Youngstown State University, teaching and doing research there since 1996. Dr. Lorimer teaches at all levels from non-majors through graduate student classes, including Genetics, Molecular and Cellular Biology, and Virology and doing research in DNA replication and recombination.

She got her first show cat, a blue silver spotted Oriental Shorthair in 1982 and has been showing and breeding slinkies ever since, 18 years in CFA then 19 years in TICA. Dr. Lorimer has been a member of TICA's Genetics Committee since 2002 and Chair since 2014.