

Cristina Gheorghiu
Department of Biology

The Department of Biology would like to congratulate Dr. Cristina Gheorghiu on teaching 100 courses as a Contract Teaching Faculty member at Laurier, and to thank her for the valuable contributions she has made to undergraduate programs in Biology since 2009. Dr. Gheorghiu holds a PhD in Parasitology from McGill University and first came to Laurier as a postdoctoral researcher. Since that time, she has regularly taught courses in areas related to animal biology, including embryology, developmental biology, endocrinology and parasitology, as well as in the areas related to conservation biology and biogeography. Dr. Gheorghiu holds Sr. Lecturer and Adjunct appointments in Biology, but her contributions have gone beyond simply delivering courses, as she has also redesigned some of the courses she regularly teaches, specifically embryology and developmental biology, along with suggesting changes to the associated labs. Furthermore, Dr. Gheorghiu has been an active member of the department by serving as a CTF rep on the Biology Department-in-Council, for example. Dr. Gheorghiu regularly receives excellent student evaluations of teaching that indicate students appreciate her approach to teaching and learning, which is reflective of her on-going efforts to improve her teaching practice through self-reflection and participating in professional development opportunities. Teaching 100 courses as a CTF is a significant milestone and the Department of Biology appreciates Dr. Gheorghiu's dedication and the contributions she has made to the department and our students through her contributions.

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