

Johnny MacLean

Assistant Professor of Geology at Southern Utah University

Cedar City, UT, US

Specializing in structural geology, environmental geology, and tectonics

Biography

An associate professor of geology at Southern Utah University, Dr. Johnny MacLean enjoys taking students outdoors to study in the region's diverse landscape. With backyard access to Utah's Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks, Dr. MacLean's students learn about geology in a remarkable real-world setting. He teaches upper-division courses in structural and environmental geology, tectonics, and field geology.

At SUU, Dr. MacLean serves as chair of the university's general education committee, director of the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Program, and is a provost faculty fellow. He has also served as academic coordinator for SUU's Semester in the Parks initiative, an outdoor study program that takes students into the National Parks to live and learn.

After completing a bachelor's degree in geology at Furman University, Dr. MacLean earned a master's degree in earth science at Syracuse University, and a Ph.D. in geosciences at University of Montana. Before joining SUU in 2002, he worked in the oil and gas industry in Texas, and in the environmental consulting industry in Montana.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Research

Areas of Expertise

Environmental Geology, Field Geology Investigation, Geology, Geological Mapping, Geology of National Parks, Geology of Southern Utah, National Parks, Physical Geology, Structural Geology, Tectonics, Tectonics of National Parks, Utah National Parks

Affiliations

Geological Society of America : member., National Association for Geoscience Teachers : member., National Collegiate Honors Council : member., Utah Geological Association : member., Partners in the Parks : member.

Education

Furman University

B.S. Geology

Syracuse University

M.S. Earth Science

Accomplishments

Provost Faculty Fellow
2016-present

SUU Faculty Award for Distinguished Service
2017

Outstanding Contributor to the SUU Honors Program
2017

Mental Health First Aid Certification
2016

Thunderbird Award for SUU Faculty of the Year
2015

SUU Gerald R. Sherratt Library Information Literacy Award
2014

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