

# Interim Director of Joan and James Leitzel Center Named

**Julia Bryce, professor of geochemistry, will serve for academic year**

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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to tell you that Julia Bryce, professor of geochemistry, has agreed to serve as interim director of the Joan and James Leitzel Center for Mathematics, Science and Engineering Education for the 2019-20 academic year. Julia brings a dedication to working with K-12 teachers, decades of experience mentoring earlier career scientists and leadership experience in numerous projects from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Geological Survey and private foundations to direct scientific research projects, build capacity and engage with the K-12 community.

A member of the Earth sciences department for 16 years, she served as chair for two terms and was a member of the executive committee for the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences. This past year she served as a faculty fellow in the Office of the Senior Vice Provost for Engagement and Faculty Development, where she was co-chair of the university's Research and Engagement Academy.

Professor Bryce will direct the center through its next year and foster its integration into its new home under the Office of Outreach and Engagement within the UNH Research Office; Leitzel Center Director Ruth Varner is taking a year of sabbatical leave.

Please join me in congratulating Julia on her new role.

Sincerely,

Wayne Jones  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



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