

John R. Crooks

John R. Crooks is the Associate Provost of the University Partnership and Director of Distance Learning at Lorain County Community College. He also served as the Director of Science and Mathematics at LCCC for 7 years. Prior to this position, Dr. Crooks was Chair of the Division of Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science and also an Associate Professor of Biology at Iowa Wesleyan College. Dr. Crooks received his BS and MS in Biology from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University), and his PhD in Biology from Bowling Green State University. He is a life member of the Missouri Academy of Science, the Ohio Academy of Sciences and Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society. He also has membership in AAAS, Community College Baccalaureate Association (CCBA), and serves as the college's liaison for the Council for Undergraduate Research (CUR). Dr. Crooks has served on the OAS Science policy committee and has reviewed scholarship applications for the Ohio Academy of Science, University of Toledo CSE program and has been a reviewer for Science Net Links and Science Books & Films. He has had students and faculty present at several venues including state Academy of Science meetings and the AAAS annual meeting. Dr. Crooks has also served as a judge for area science fairs and was formerly the Director of the Region IV Science Olympiad. He has been involved with several funded grant proposals and has presented papers in several venues worldwide. He currently chairs the Institutional Review Board at Lorain County Community College. He has served on the Ohio K-12 Academic Content Standards Science Writing Team, the Lorain County Curriculum Team (providing professional development for area 4-12 teachers), and as a steering committee member for Lorain County College Tech Prep. Dr. Crooks developed and coordinated a grant funded Young Women STEM summer camp program (program for female students in grades 5-8 and focuses on Lego robotics, biotechnology, and German).