History and Future of Women in Bacteriology
by Melissa Christopherson and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Our Strengths
Women make up a majority of our department

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Women in Bacteriology comprise 46% of faculty, well above nationwide trends in life sciences.

Our History
The first woman to attain the rank of full professor outside of the fields of home economics and nursing at UW was in Bacteriology

Dr. Elizabeth McCoy 1943

Though rare nationally, we have women serving in key roles: chair of Bacteriology, Dean (CALS), and Chancellor. Women chairs are correlated with narrowing the gender gaps in publication, tenure, and pay.

Dr. Katrina Forest current chair

Seminar Speakers in Bacteriology

Nursing-Friendly

MBI was among the first in the nation to have a dedicated lactation room

Bacteriology invites a number of women seminar speakers and is currently working to invite more URM.

For references and more information see https://diversity.bact.wisc.edu

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