**SPEAKER BIO & PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION**

**KATEY HUGHES**

Dr. Kathleen (Katey) Hughes, Professor of Biology, has been a member of the Columbus State University (CSU) faculty since 2005. She earned a B.S. in Biology degree from Winthrop University and a Ph.D. in Biomedical Science (Department of Physiology and Functional Genomics) from the University of Florida. She is the founder and director of CSU’s Competitive Premedical Studies Program in CSU's College of Letters and Sciences. Dr. Hughes teaches a variety of courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels including Human Anatomy and Physiology, Neuroscience, Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy, Cell Biology, and General Biology. She began hiring peer leaders in her Human Anatomy and Physiology course ten years ago.

**SESSION NAME: CONCURRENT WORKSHOP III: Tricks of the Trade**

**PRESENTATION TITLE: Effective Use of Peer Learning and Teaching**

Effective peer leaders augment student learning and engagement. Faculty in a number of STEM fields incorporate peer leaders in the classroom, and this approach is growing in undergraduate anatomy and physiology courses. This workshop will examine practical approaches to designing a peer leader program while addressing logistical concerns. Considerations will include peer leader roles, session design, effective communication, and constructive assessment tailored to your course.