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Pamela Hanson is a yeast geneticist with research interests in membrane trafficking, drug resistance, and undergraduate STEM education. During her training at Emory University, Pam studied evolutionarily conserved mechanisms of transbilayer phospholipid transport. As a graduate student she also spent 10-weeks at the *Chicago Tribune* through the AAAS Mass Media Science & Engineering Fellows Program. Upon earning her Ph.D., Pam joined the faculty of Birmingham-Southern College, a nationally ranked liberal arts college in Birmingham, AL. In this role, she engages undergraduates in authentic research and uses scientific approaches to study the impact of active-learning and inquiry-based pedagogies. These experiences drive Pam's interest in science policy, including science communication and program evaluation. In her spare time, Pam enjoys running, painting, and gardening.