

**Loretta Johnson  
BIOGRAPHY FOR  
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**Name:** Dr Loretta C Johnson

**Present Position:** Professor, Biology

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**Biographical Information:** Loretta Johnson received her PhD in Ecology from the University of Connecticut. She is currently professor of Biology, in the Division of Biology at Kansas State University. Her research has focused on ecology of prairie grasslands, and more recently, has helped to spearhead the emerging field of ecological and evolutionary genomics. She is currently the director of the Ecological Genomics Institute at KSU. Loretta Johnson has published over 60 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and received as lead PI a total of 6 million dollars of grant support.

Loretta also has a commitment to training and teaching. She was lead PI on the Department of Education GAANN graduate training grant since 2009 that provided support for 17 graduate students. Over the last decade, she has also helped spearhead and teach a course on Professional Skills in Biology for graduate students. The course includes ethics, grant writing and review, presentations, and science communication.