



Saturday, March 1st 2025. 9:30AM – 1:00PM
New Location: Science Complex, Room 2226

Kishana Taylor, PhD: “Take Chances, Make Mistakes, Get Messy! - Embodying Miss Frizzle while navigating new people, places, things and ideas”.



Dr. Taylor earned her BS degree in Animal Science from the University of Delaware. After her MS in Public Health Microbiology and Emerging Infectious Diseases at the George Washington University, she earned her PhD in Interdisciplinary biomedical sciences at the University of Georgia. She subsequently trained as a postdoc at University of California at Davis, and a Visiting Assistant Professor at the College of New Jersey. In August of 2024, Towson University was fortunate to be able to hire her as an Assistant Professor. With the students in her lab, she investigates emerging and reemerging viral pathogens and their evolutionary ability as well as their ecoepidemiology. She founded the Black Microbiologists Association (BlackInMicro; a vibrant celebration of Black microbiologists around the globe) in 2021, and still serves as its President.

Amy Williams, PhD: “Dare Mighty Things - It’s ok to learn through failure”



Dr. Williams earned her B.S. in Earth & Environmental Science from Furman University. Dr. Williams then earned her M.Sc. in Earth and Planetary Sciences from the University of New Mexico before completing her Ph.D. in Geology at the University of California, Davis. Dr. Williams then pursued a postdoctoral position at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. Dr. Williams launched her academic career as an Assistant Professor here at Towson University (2015-2018), before moving to the University of Florida. As an astrobiologist and geobiologist, Dr. Williams leverages techniques from geology, microbiology, and chemistry to understand what kind of signatures life leaves behind in rocks. She is a participating scientist in the NASA Mars Science Laboratory Curiosity rover mission and the NASA Mars 2020 Perseverance rover mission.

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Light breakfast and networking lunch included (Room 2323).

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