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STEMNoire 2021 helping Black women succeed in STEM

Add your voice to the conversation surrounding College of Science faculty salaries by completing the following survey no later than Friday, July 16, 2021.

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Lemon Frost Geckos and how their skin characteristics could unlock future treatments for melanoma.

Ylenia Chiari, Associate Professor of Biology, recently coauthored an article on the global market's impact on forest areas.

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What is your new normal?

For most of us, our lives were upended by COVID-19. After the initial shock and concerns regarding health, safety, and daily livelihood were established and better understood, we collectively pivoted to a virtual work environment, finding ways to navigate this uncharted professional landscape. Then some of us ventured back to campus slowly for hybrid learning and working.

On March 12, 2020, I walked out of my office, a bit early since we were told we were going into lockdown (for three to four weeks max they estimated). I haven't set foot in that office since. Actually, I got a new job here at Mason that started just over a year ago, which I have largely done remotely.

On my first day of the job, I was supposed to travel to Chicago for a conference. Instead, a phone call interrupted my virtual meeting, the state was in lockdown, and I was stuck in a virtual meeting for the day. The conference was cancelled and for the next year I worked as a virtual intern, something which I never would have imagined and is now part of my daily life.

What is your new normal?