

Susan J. Larson

Susan Larson received her BA from the University of Manitoba (1991) and earned her PhD in Experimental Psychology from McMaster University (1997). She joined the faculty at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN in 1998 after a post-doctoral fellowship at Louisiana State University Medical Center (Shreveport, LA). She is a Professor of Psychology. From 2009-2016 she served as Concordia College's first Director of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and National Fellowships. She currently is the Division Chair for Sciences and Mathematics at Concordia. Larson regularly teaches *Research Methods*, *Learning and Behavior*, *Behavior Modification*, and *Drugs and Behavior*. She engages students in undergraduate research through course-embedded research experiences in a many of her courses, including *Research Methods* and *Learning and Behavior*. She also supervises students in an animal laboratory on research projects including the investigation of behavioral and cognitive changes associated with immune system activation and assessments of motor learning in rats. Recently, Larson and her student collaborators engaged in a project investigating gender and student participation in the classroom. She is currently working with students evaluating the integration of undergraduate research into her *Behavior Modification* course. Larson served as a Councilor in the Psychology Division of the Council for Undergraduate Research (CUR) from 2003-2018 and president of CUR from 2016-2017. She also served as Chair of the Psychology Division of CUR from 2009-2012. She was a co-author of CUR's *Characteristics of Excellence in Undergraduate Research*, published in April 2012 and she regularly serves as a facilitator for CUR institutes.