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Having received her PhD in 1998 from Wake Forest University in the Department of Neurobiology & Anatomy, Victoria Turgeon joined the faculty at Furman University a few months later as an Assistant Professor of Biology. Presently, Dr. Turgeon is a Professor of Biology at Furman University and Director of the Neuroscience Program. She has received teaching awards from Furman University and the South Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities, and has also received the Henry and Ellen Townes Chairship and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Distinguished Mentor Award for her dedication to undergraduate research. Dr. Turgeon has mentored over 100 undergraduate research projects, including high school students from the Governor's School for Science and Bridges to a Brighter Future. All of her publications and presentations have included undergraduate researchers. Currently she and her students are using a 3D model to investigate the long term changes that occur following spinal cord injuries. They are particularly interested in long term activation of thrombin and its effect on neuron survival and the reestablishment of cellular communications.