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Dr. Mike Eggleton is an Associate Professor in the Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB). He has been employed at UAPB since 2003, with his position encompassing teaching, research, administration, and service. Mike teaches undergraduate courses in Topics in Aquaculture and Fisheries, Fisheries Techniques, Fisheries Management, and Senior Seminar, and graduate courses in Fish Population Dynamics and Stream Ecology. He also serves as the department's Undergraduate Program Coordinator. For 10 years, Mike served as the chief administrator of the National Cooperative Fisheries Scholars program, which was a federally-funded scholarship program for students from underrepresented groups.

Dr. Eggleton is originally from West Virginia and received his B.Sc. degree in biology from West Virginia State College in 1986. He earned an M.Sc. degree in fisheries and aquatic biology at Tennessee Technological University (TTU) in 1989, and completed his Ph.D. in fisheries science at Mississippi State University (MSU) in 2001. His dissertation research involved developing habitat-specific energy budgets for Mississippi River catfishes. At UAPB, Mike's primary research emphasis has been black bass population studies, fish assemblage studies in the lower White River, and a variety of unfunded projects. Mike's current research involves assessing the effects of Asian carp establishment on lower White River fisheries. In 14 years, Mike has graduated seven M.Sc. students, has two current M.Sc. students, and has advised over 40 undergraduates. Dr. Eggleton also has been heavily involved in mentoring undergraduate students towards professional careers and/or graduate study.

Dr. Eggleton has been a member of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) parent society since 1988, and has been an active member with four different AFS state chapters – Tennessee, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. In 1995-96, he was chair of the Environmental Concerns Committee for the Tennessee chapter. From 1998-2000, he was co-editor of the Mississippi chapter newsletter, while also serving as Vice-President of the MSU Student Sub-Unit. From 2005-2007, he was Treasurer for the Arkansas chapter. From 2011-2014, Mike chaired the budget and finance committee for the national AFS meeting held in Little Rock. His publication record covers a variety of topics ranging from acid rain effects on stream communities, fish community ecology, large-river ecology, and various sport fisheries management topics. He has conducted research at both the population and community levels, and has worked in a variety of aquatic systems ranging from low-order upland streams to reservoirs and large alluvial rivers. Since 1987, Mike has authored or co-authored over 100 presentations at state, regional, national, and international conferences. Additionally, he has co-organized technical workshops for the AFS Southern Division and for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and served as peer-reviewer for three books and over a dozen journals. Mike also served as a co-editor for an AFS symposium book entitled "Fishery Resources, Environment, and Conservation in the Mississippi and Yangtze River Basins" that was published in 2016.