

Arnold J. Karpoff (Arnie)

Dr. Arnie Karpoff, a long time faculty member in the Biology Department passed away on April 15. Dr. Karpoff obtained his BA in Biology from the City College of New York in 1961, his MS in Biology from the University of Oregon in 1962 and remained at the University of Oregon to complete his PhD in Biology in 1969. He accepted a position in Biology at the University of Louisville in July of 1969.

Arnie taught a variety of courses including Plant Biology, Plant Anatomy, Histological Techniques, Experimental Biology for Teachers, General Botany, and Introduction to Biological Systems, long standing general education course. His two sections per semester of this latter class generated on average over 5600 student credit hours per year. Arnie was continually developing new online materials allowing students to take the Introductory Biology class either on campus or off depending upon their particular needs. During the latter stages of his career his focus was on developing new Biology education materials and reviewing Biology textbook chapters for six different publishing companies.

Dr. Karpoff was a valued advisor in the Department and contributed a great many service activities at the Department, College and University levels. Although the list of College committees he served on is too lengthy to name all, he was well known for his long-standing contributions to the Admissions and Appeals Committee.

Dr. Karpoff was a highly valued member of the Biology Department and a good colleague to all of its members. He has been missed since his retirement in 2014 and will long be remembered by all that knew him.