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About Michael L. Arnold

Mike Arnold, Distinguished Research Professor of Genetics at the University of Georgia, has concentrated his research work in the area of evolutionary genetics, particularly the study of natural hybridization.

Mike has championed the view of hybridization as a critical evolutionary process in both plants and animals, and his group has collected a wealth of empirical data demonstrating that hybridization can be widespread. Through breeding experiments, ecological studies and genomic analyses, Mike's students and postdocs (and even occasionally, Mike himself) have demonstrated that hybridization often leads to significant gene exchange between closely related species.

Mike is particularly well known for his study of Louisiana Irises, which have become a classic example of the role of hybridization in adaptive evolution and speciation. Mike is the author of four books and more than 125 academic articles.

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