

## Gotta Teach too..

Here at ODU, I am teaching the undergraduate courses Paleontology, Geological Survey, and the graduate course Geobiology. I love teaching. Also, because the interaction with students helps me to understand my own stuff.



My geobiology class, OBX 2002

What I love most are field trips. We often visit the enormous beaches along the barrier islands of the Outer Banks (in Virginia's summers with 40 C just the right thing to do). Also, we drive to the mountains in West Virginia and explore most remote rocks hidden in the foggy forest. Sometimes we take our research ship "Slover" out on the Atlantic ocean and do some coring. But not in the hurricane season. Feel free to drop me an e-mail to learn more about our activities here. I do take graduate students on. A training in either microbiology or geosciences is necessary. The student must be willing to reach out into other scientific disciplines. Quantitative skills are of advantage, so are a self-driven attitude, and persistence in problem solving. Be aware that scientists do not have vacations, weekends or a 9-5 job, before you choose this profession, and realize that field work in remote areas with little comfort is part of the fun. I train teachers too. Just drop a note, if you are interested to look into our working group.