



Shannon Hill

Candidate for 2018 Vice President

Shannon Hill's family consists of 5 generations of Texans, hailing from the piney woods of east Texas and the post oak savannah of Madison county. As a military dependent, Dr. Hill's youth was spent traveling across the United States and in 2001, she settled in Waco, Texas, where she remains today. She earned a Master of Arts in Teaching from East Tennessee State University in 1999 and Ph.D. in biology from Baylor University in 2008. Her dissertation research focused on the impact of urbanization on the structure of the freshwater turtle community in the Brazos River.

Dr. Hill is an assistant professor at McLennan Community College (MCC) and an adjunct instructor for Texas Tech Waco. She serves on the advisory committee for MCC's Honors Council, is a mentor for honor students, serves on ad-hoc committees for curriculum development and is a founding member and co-sponsor of MCC's Biology Club. Dr. Hill is a strong advocate of science education through research experience. To this end, she is a member of the Texas Integrated Diving and Ecological Studies Laboratory (TIDES), which is a multi-institutional NSF funded undergraduate research program that develops and executes student-driven research projects on the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef in Roatán, Honduras.

Dr. Hill has been a board member of the Texas Academy of Science (TAS) since 2012, serving as the Graduate Academy Counselor, chairing the research awards committee and as a member of the development committee. In this capacity, she advocates for the needs of the academy's graduate students, coordinates the graduate student competition and assists in fundraising. She participates in community outreach by serving as a judge for the Central Texas Science and Engineering Fair. In addition to her active participation in TAS, Dr. Hill is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Herpetologists League, Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles and the Texas Association of Community College Teachers.