

## *Faculty Biography*

### Kristin Renkema

#### **Teaching Disciplines:**

Immunology, Microbiology, Cancer Biology

#### **Teaching Philosophy:**

I became a professor because I am passionate about student success, both short-term in the classroom and long-term after graduation. My students and I engage in a contract of mutual respect, in which I respect their individual goals and learning styles, and they respect my efforts and expectations.

#### **Research Interests:**

Impact of environment on the immune system, Hygiene hypothesis, infectious disease, cancer and immunity

Link to research publications:

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=Renkema+KR%5BAuthor%5D&sort=>

#### **Grants:**

NASA MSGC Research Seed Grant Award, May 2020

#### **Personal Interests:**

Spending time with my family, reading for fun, anything on the water (boating, floating, swimming, etc.), traveling.

#### **Fun Fact**

I absolutely love animals. If I could have it my way, I would own way too many pets. As it is, we have one huge fluffy dog, two black and white cats, 1 blue fish, and 5-7 sea monkeys.



#### FACULTY

#### DEGREES:

Ph.D. (Immunobiology) 2013  
University of Arizona

B.A. (Majors Biology, Writing;  
Minor Chemistry) 2008  
Anderson University

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