

Gaytha A. Langlois BioSketch

Gaytha A. Langlois, PhD, is Professor Emerita in Environmental Policy at Bryant University, located in Rhode Island, USA, where her scholarly pursuits have included studies of microbial communities associated with coral reefs and oil-stressed ecosystems. Her research focuses on the microbial dynamics of ciliates in shallow coastal sediments and the diversity of epiphytic marine ciliates in rock pools, along with the ecological implications of ciliate/coral interactions following bleaching episodes. She has served as Membership Secretary and President of the International Society of Protistology (ISOP). Her courses and writings have addressed climate change impacts on Arctic tundra habitats, protection strategies for endangered Metasequoia redwoods in China, and the challenges of integrating innovative energy technology solutions. Dr. Langlois served as Chair of the Department of Science and Technology at Bryant and co-developed the Global Environmental Studies program. She created the Center for Sustainable Business Practices and has been active in community service where she helped to craft municipal and statewide environmental policy in both governmental and NGO roles.