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DULUTH--Dr. Donald W. Davidson, a 1959 UMD honors graduate with a B.A. degree in botany, will become an assistant professor of biology in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Alabama in September.

Davidson will be a member of the graduate faculty, teaching graduate courses in plant ecology and biogeography and undergraduate courses in general ecology and botany.

Davidson received his Ph.D. on June 5 from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J. His doctoral research was concerned with ecological studies of the shrub and herbaceous vegetation of the forests of northern New Jersey.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Emmett Davidson, 2320 Harvard Ave., Duluth.