



**GRADUATE DEGREE
PROGRAM IN ECOLOGY**
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

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From Colleen

Graduate student mentoring and advising is a topic that has been gaining traction on campus. I wanted to take a minute to update you on GDPE's efforts in this area. For some context, our student exit surveys suggest that graduating GDPE students are satisfied with their GDPE experience (In 2019-20 100% reported their GDPE program experience as good or excellent, n=23), and most are satisfied with the quality of their advising (91% reported their advising experience as good or excellent). While GDPE seems to be doing well generally, advising is an area where I consistently receive requests for program improvement from GDPE students. To address this, GDPE has had two faculty participate in train-the-trainer workshops on mentoring, which allowed all GDPE new assistant professors access to mentoring training this year. A resources page will be added to the GDPE web site this summer with on-line resources to supplement professional development by advisors. We are also developing an individualized development plan to help students and advisors track progress and to catalyze advisor-student discussions. We hope the IDP will be on-line in Fall. Finally, the Graduate School provides general professional development workshops regularly and is developing mentoring resources for faculty and graduate students. While GDPE students mostly report positive advising experiences, it is a critical area where improvement is always welcome. I wanted students and faculty to know what resources GDPE is working to make available to improve the advising experience in GDPE.

This week's Student Ecology Research Program (RMAIS seminars) session will be on Tuesday. Alternative science skills with Jennifer Neuwald.

Jennifer Neuwald will be out of office July 8-12 and will be unavailable for GDPE business. Colleen will be gone over the same week, so please plan ahead.

GDPE

Colleen will be unavailable for signatures July 1-16. Please contact ecology@colostate.edu to arrange for a director signature from LeRoy Poff on July 1-2. On July 3-16, please contact Alan Knapp for a director signature.

GDPE Science Communication Fellow The fellowship will fund a stipend at the regular GDPE GTA rate plus five credits of tuition. In order to apply, please send a cover letter highlighting your experience in science communication plus interest in and fit for the position, your C.V., and arrange for your advisor to send a short email approving your application for the position. All materials should be addressed to Colleen Webb with cc to Jennifer Neuwald by July 21, 2019. Please see the email from Colleen to grad students on 6/27/19 for further details.



SERP (from RMAIS) will meet Thursdays 4 pm Johnson 132 for professional development activities at the intersection of gender and STEM. All are welcome - including faculty. Plus we have SNACKS!

July 2 (Tues@4pm) - Alternative Science Skills (Jennifer Neuwald)

July 11 - Imposter Syndrome (Maria Chavez)

July 18 - Developing a career path (Marcel Jardeleza)

July 25 - Acknowledging qualities and self-assessment (Maria Chavez)
Aug 1 - Work-life balance (Marcel Jardeleza)
Aug 8 - Leadership (Scott Bradfield)

Stay in touch by tagging GDPE in your posts and photos on Twitter - @CSU_Ecology and use hashtags #GDPE and #CSU_Ecology. We look forward to seeing you on Twitter this Summer.

Submitting Announcements

Student Success: Let us know if you've gotten a paper accepted, won an award, or received a grant by emailing our Graduate Academic Advisor, Jennifer Neuwald.

Information for Digest: Please submit details here for consideration. If you have questions about this, please contact our Program Coordinator.

Submit Photos



DEADLINES

Obtaining Signatures

Degree Deadlines

Student Forms

GDPE Grad Student Survey

ECOLOGY & CSU EVENTS

Early-bird Registration for ESA is open. ESA will be in Louisville, KY from 11-16 Aug. The CSU mixer will be Aug 14. Learn more here!



RESOURCES



R-user group. Mondays 9-11 AM Plant Science C021. Sign up for updates or to contact the group. Questions.

Coming Out, Being Out, and Questioning Support Group. Email Jessie Charbonneau for details.

CSU Writes: Show up & write. Drop-in writing sessions provide faculty and graduate students a designated time and place to "show up & write."

CSU Health Network Therapy: CSUHN has individual and group counseling as well as workshops and are available for students for free.

Data and Donuts - Data Management Made Tasty: Good data management practices are

becoming increasingly important in the digital age. Learn how you can improve your data management.

[Coding and Cookies - Everything is better with cookies. Especially data:](#) Sessions are focused on coding in R.

[Geospatial Graduate Students Club:](#) Anyone interested in geospatial applications is welcome. Click [here](#) to learn more!

GRANTS / JOBS

[Curriculum Writer:](#) Develop and maintain programs for over 400 field staff.

[Postdoc Position:](#) Analyzing the response of plankton food webs to global change using multivariate statistics.

[Quantitative Ecologist:](#) Ecologist with an interest in wildlife diseases.

[Wildlife Biologist:](#) Wildlife Biologist needed by the Government of the United States Virgin Islands.

[Research Ecologists:](#) The Rocky Mountain Research Station is in search for two scientist positions.

[Research Associate:](#) Full-time Professional Research Associate in Fort Collins.

[Graduate Assistantship:](#) Pursue a PhD degree in the Environmental and Life Sciences Program at Trent University

[Student Contractor:](#) Assist on projects related to modeling the distribution and abundance of exotic species, mostly focusing on plants.

[Assistant Program Manager:](#) Contribute to a program of work that contributes to forest restoration, natural resource planning, and more!

[Program Manager:](#) This position will lead and evaluate collaborative adaptive management processes with forestry, fire, and more! Research that can inform park management.

[Postdoctoral Research Associate:](#) Help execute and guide a collaborative data synthesis project aimed at understanding the causes and consequences of movement synchrony in native California fishes. Two positions are available!



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