Dear all,

Ecological interactions and processes do not follow political borders and boundaries, which has made working under the restrictions of the pandemic so difficult. I'm happy to report, in case you missed it like I did, that a number of unfair restrictions that had been imposed are being rolled back - in this case I'm specifically thinking of the restriction on people, from primarily Muslim countries and many African countries, to travel into the U.S. While lifting that is of course important for so many reasons, it's a win for ecology, too! The VP for Diversity website has a growing list of recent federal changes.

This month is Black History Month. There are some great events going on in celebration. I encourage you to check them out!

Our first Distinguished Ecologist seminar is next week!! See details below. Hope you all have a lovely week. Stay warm and safe!
Ruth

GDPE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Distinguished Ecologist: Vanessa Ezenwa

“Worms, Germs, and Buffalo: a Coinfection Story”

February 18, 2021 4:00 PM (zoom link to come)

Dr. Vanessa Ezenwa, has generously set aside some time on Friday, February 19th for anyone who would like to meet with her via Zoom. If you would like to sign up for one of these slots, please email Brooke Berger at brooke.berger@colostate.edu to reserve a time.

Front Range Student Ecology Symposium is March 3-5.
DEADLINES

GDPE Deadlines

- **February 10** --> Submit GS25 to GDPE
  Please reference the GDPE website for details [here](#).

**Other Deadlines**

- **February 12** --> Deadline to submit your GS25 (by 4:45pm). *Please make sure to submit your electronic dynamic GS25 form at least two days prior to this to ensure both your advisor and assistant director can have time to receive, sign, and submit your form prior to the deadline!*
- **April 2** --> The following are due to the Graduate School (we recommend submitting at least 10 days prior):
  - GS-24 (Report of Final Examination Results) - *Due within 2 days of your final defense exam!!*
  - GS-30 (Thesis/Dissertation Submission Form)
  - GS-31 Embargo Request (optional)
  - Survey for Earned Doctorates (PhD only)
  - Electronic copy of thesis/dissertation (formatted according to GS guidelines)
- **May 14** --> Deadline to submit your [GS25b](#) (Department Requirements Clearance)

Find all of the deadline details on the CSU Graduate School's website [here](#).

Find all of the registration details on the CSU Registrar's website [here](#).

Send us your photos! Now more than ever, it's important for us to keep in touch. Send us your photos of your WFH desk, from the field, or just photos of you relaxing and enjoying summer!

[Submit Photos](#)

All paperwork: Please email forms to Dawn at ecology@colostate.edu to coordinate signatures and processing. Thanks!

**We want your feedback!** Do you have comments or suggestions about how your GDPE experience can improve? Let us know! Contact your ExCom Student Representatives, Katie Rocci and Dani Lin Hunter to provide your feedback.

**Stay in touch by tagging GDPE** in your posts and photos on Twitter - @CSU_Ecology and use hashtags #GDPE and #CSU_Ecology. We'd be happy to help highlight your research!

[General Student Resources](#)
[COVID Resources for Grad Students](#)
[CSU COVID Recovery Resources](#)

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GRANTS & JOBS

Quantitative Ecology Postdoctoral Researcher
Application due date: Until filled
The Zipkin Quantitative Ecology Lab seeks a postdoctoral scholar to work with a team of researchers on an NSF funded project to develop ‘integrated community models’, a statistical modeling framework to unite multi-species data sources to estimate the status, trends, and dynamics of biodiversity. The project’s goal is to create a flexible infrastructure for estimating species and community processes that can incorporate multiple data types on multiple species. Learn more here.

**Postdoctoral Fellowship - France**  
**Application due date: February 14th**  
The Research Institute for the Conservation of Mediterranean Wetlands is looking for a highly motivated post-doc with interest in population dynamics and demography models. Applicants should have a good background in ecology as well as solid mathematical and computational skills. Previous experience using E-SURGE would be a plus. Excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal skills are desirable. Speaking French is not mandatory but the candidate should be comfortable with working in the Camargue and in a French environment. Learn more here.

**Statistical Ecology Postdoctoral Position**  
**Application due date: February 15th**  
The postdoctoral fellow will work with Prof. Mevin Hooten at CSU and collaborators at the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies and Oregon State University to develop statistical models that integrate several data sources and improve our understanding of Lesser Prairie-Chicken populations. Expected outcomes include the publication of scientific manuscripts describing the methodology and findings related to the study. Learn more here.

**Ecological Researcher**  
**Application deadline: February 19th**  
The US Geological Survey (USGS) Fort Collins Science Center is seeking an early career researcher to assist with summarizing and synthesizing science to inform management of western lands. The candidate will be part of an existing collaboration between USGS scientists and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) resource managers that seeks to coproduce science and data products that inform public lands decision-making. A core task will be developing a series of annotated bibliographies summarizing research findings and management implications for species of concern in the western US. Learn more here.

**Ecological Researcher**  
**Application due date: February 19th**  
The immediate focus of this position will be to support development of annotated bibliographies for the invasive annual grasses medusahead (Taeniatherum caput-medusae) and cheatgrass (Bromus tectorum). The candidate will be responsible for identifying appropriate scientific papers and reports, critically analyzing scientific results, and summarizing results and implications for land managers. The candidate will also take part in an internal “colleague” review process by critically reviewing summaries written by project coauthors and incorporating team feedback into their own summaries. Learn more here.

**Assistant Professor**  
**Application due date: March 15th**  
The State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) invites applications for an academic-year (10 month), tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Quantitative Wildlife/Vertebrate Ecology. The successful candidate will bring proficiency in statistical/mathematical ecology that is complemented by professional experience in the conservation and management of vertebrate species. Learn more here.