



GDPE Weekly Digest



March 29, 2021

Dear all,

Spring is in the air! And vaccines are starting to be in our arms. It's exciting to feel like we might have gotten past the worst of the pandemic.

Despite how hard being productive during the pandemic has been, GDPE members continue to publish great work. I've always loved reading work that comes out of the program, and now as director, I see it as one of the most interesting parts of my job! Here are some of my recent favorites:

Interested in "citizen science"? Really, we should call it community science and read our GDPE colleagues on how to do it well, trade-offs and all. [Tradeoffs of using place-based community science for urban biodiversity monitoring](#) by GDPE Miguel (Mikko) Jimenez, faculty member Liba Pejchar, and collaborator Sarah Reed.

Or maybe you're interested in urban expansion, wildlife and disease? You can find all three in this collaborative paper [Host relatedness and landscape connectivity shape pathogen spread in the puma, a large secretive carnivore](#), which includes GDPE faculty members Chris Funk and Kevin Crooks. Looks like roads facilitate pathogen spread.

Restoring plant communities is hugely important in the face of disturbance and climate change. Read recent GDPE grad Magda Garboski's [Getting to the root of restoration: considering root traits for improved restoration outcomes under drought and competition](#). This was clearly a collaborative effort that Magda and advisor Cini Brown led, because there are a lot of GDPE folks on that paper!

Happy reading,
Best,
Ruth

GDPE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations!

Maria Chavez has been awarded the Advancing Education Scholarship honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Graduate Fellowship for the 2021-2022 academic year. There is only one fellowship granted each year, and the competition was evidently quite stiff. Maria has advanced education and opportunities to enhance diversity, equity and inclusion in many ways, one of which is through her service as co-Chair of the DEI Strategic Plan committee for GDPE. Thank you, Maria, and congratulations!

MASTER'S CAREER PANEL

VIRTUAL | MARCH 31, 12-1:30 MST

Let's talk about the path to a career after graduation! [Register](#) with the link provided!

Open panel with questions from 12:00 - 1:00 pm and break-out groups with panelists from 1:00-1:30 pm.



Master's Career Panel Wednesday
31st, 12-1:30 pm

Last few spots for the Master's Career Panel are still open! We hope to see you there!

[Register Here](#)



AMBER SHANKLIN

Conservation and Stewardship Director at the Palmer Land Conservancy

Experience in post-fire and flood restoration, watershed health, land conservation and stewardship, and recreation management. Has worked at the BLM, USFWS, TNC, and Rocky Mountain Field Institute.



JOANNA LEMLY

Wetland Ecologist at the Colorado Natural Heritage Program

Oversees CNHP's work on wetland mapping, monitoring, and assessment. Current science partner lead with BLM developing wetland monitoring. Has worked in various aspects of plant ecology for 20 years.



CHRISTY CLEAVER

Plant Pathologist with the US Forest Service

Detects, identifies, and monitors forest diseases and insects, conducts forest health evaluations and surveys, provides management guidance, trainings, and conservation education. Has worked in forest pathology for over 10 years.



APPLE SNIDER

Regional Cooperative Education Coordinator US Forest Service

Connects people to the outdoors with education programs, supporting youth crews in conservation projects, and strategic planning work with partners. Has worked for the USFWS, USCS, and several education-based nonprofit organizations.

DEADLINES

GDPE Deadlines

None at this time

Other Deadlines

• Spring 2021 Graduation key [deadlines](#):

- April 2 --> defense and thesis/dissertation [forms](#) and e-copies
- May 14 --> GS25B (get that [survey](#) in!)
 - Refer to the GDPE "[Guide to your Degree](#)" page for details on submitting defense announcements, departmental requirements, and more.

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](#)

GRANTS & JOBS

Quantitative Ecologist

Application Due date: March 30th

The University of Florida Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation at the Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center in Davie, Florida (the Croc Docs) is seeking a quantitative ecologist interested in research related to datasets on invasive and native reptiles. Successful candidate must be a self-motivated individual with functional knowledge and experience with analytical software and techniques and be comfortable writing and reporting results. Application can be found [here](#).

Wildlife Research Scientist

Application due date: April 9th

The Office of Applied Science within the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is seeking to hire a Wildlife Research Scientist to fill two part-time positions, equating to a full-time opportunity. The position will be based out of Rhinelander, WI and will begin in May. Learn more [here](#).

Diversity Internship Cohort Coordinator

Application due date: April 11th

The Internship Coordinator will work as a member of the Rocky Mountain Conservancy staff and work directly as a part of the Continental Divide Research Learning Center (CDRLC) team at Rocky Mountain National Park. The Internship Coordinator will lead the planning and implementation of the Rocky Mountain National Park Diversity Internship Cohort Program. Apply [here](#).

ComSciCon Application

Application due date: April 15th

ComSciCon provides graduate student attendees with a one-of-a-kind opportunity to meet early career leaders in Science Communication, learn from and interact with a remarkable group of invited experts, and produce an original work communicating complex technical concepts from science and engineering to a new audience. Apply [here](#).

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