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 GPDE 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 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

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

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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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