



# GDPE Weekly Digest



May 10th, 2021



## **Congratulations to the recipients of the GDPE small grant awards!**

Our recipients this year are (in order of left to right top to bottom):

Maggie Ross: Recovery of plant community composition following extreme drought in native grasslands

Anahita Verahrami: Evaluating the Effects of Poaching on Forest Elephant Spatial Ecology and Acoustic Activity

Katie Rocci: Assessing ecological drivers of soil organic carbon pools to irrigation

Marcel Jardeleza: Disentangling island food-web connections on Guam after the brown tree snake (*Boiga irregularis*)

Olivia Hajek: Assessing grassland sensitivity to shifting seasonal availability of water

Christine Folks: Indirect effects of an introduced natural enemy on a quantitative insect food web

Sarah Whipple: Where have all the wild pollinators gone? An analysis of the shifts in range, seasonal activities, and floral resources in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

Julian Cassano: How does metabolic rate influence physiological lifespan in honeybees?

GDPE also provided 4 COVID-19 relief grants.

## Another Congratulations to the SoGES 2021-2022 Fellows!

Katie Rocci, Amanda Cicchino, Leena Vilonen, Annie Kellner, Katie Nigro, Sarah Whipple, and Andreas Wion.

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## DEADLINES

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### GDPE Deadlines

**TODAY! May 10th**, GDPE Competitive Grant for Professional Development & Travel. See details in email from Jennifer.

### Other Deadlines

Graduate School Deadlines:

**May 14:** all final forms for Spring Graduates must be submitted, including Clearance of all incompletes/grade changes (if applicable); Completion of all course requirements (if applicable); GS52 Discrepancy Clearance Response (if applicable); GS25B Departmental Requirements Clearance (if applicable) [[details here](#)]

**May 28:** GS25 due for Summer Graduates (don't forget to register for at least 1 credit or continuous registration! CRN codes can be found [here](#))

*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](#).*

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## COURSES

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### GDPE Course Information

**ECOL 592 001 – A Primer of Community Composition Analysis.** Fall 2021 Taught by Melinda Smith and Kate Wilkins. Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 starting Sept. 1

### Upcoming Courses of Interest

Chris Funk and Kristen Ruegg will be teaching **BZ 525 Advanced Conservation and Evolutionary Genomics** next fall. This is a relatively new course, and should be great.

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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](#)

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**All paperwork:** Please email forms to Dawn at [ecology@colostate.edu](mailto: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!

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