Hello GDPE Community -

I hope you had a restful extended weekend! Don't forget that this Thursday, Sept. 9, we are holding our Annual GDPE Fall Picnic outdoors at 5pm at Spring Creek Canyon Park. Here's a [map to the Creekside Pavilion](#). The easiest way to get there is to take Drake west until it dead ends at Overland Trail, then go south until you hit the parking lot. Cross over the creek and head to the pavilion. We'll have food, games, and good company! Please bring your own refillable water bottle (see below for more details).

As a reminder, I sent out emails last week for students who are planning on graduating this semester as well as for students planning their program of study & committees. Please reference our GDPE webpage under "[Guide to your Degree](#)" for more details. TLDR: check with me before submitting any forms on RamWeb!

Hope to see you all on Thursday!

Jennifer

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**GDPE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Fall Picnic - September 9th**

*Spring Canyon Park Creekside Shelter* - 5:00. Dinner, games, dessert contest, and GDPE community! Please [RSVP here](#) so we can get an accurate count for food and swag.

**Dessert contest.** We have really great prizes (think Goal Zero camping lanterns, Tikka Headlamps, Pinnacle Trekking Poles and more…). Please consider bringing desserts that can be easily individually served for both convenience and safety.

**Games.** Bocce ball, corn hole, badminton, ultimate frisbee – so bring your friendly competitive spirit. We have great prizes for game winners, too!

**Food.** Matador Mexican Grill is catering, so bring your appetite! FYI, we have changed from buffet style to burritos (including vegan and GF), to increase safety of the event.

**Low waste event.** To reduce plastic waste, please BYO (filled) water bottles! We will provide canned sodas, and water in a cooler dispenser for refills in addition. Please also bring your own utensils! We will have paper plates and napkins, and a few extra utensils on hand.

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*PhD Dissertation Defense Seminar*

Tomas Pickering

Drought and Samburu Pastoralism: A
collaborative effort to examine the causes, adaptation process, and grazing innovations in northern Kenya

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021
8:00 AM
Zoom Presentation: Link

ECOLOGY & CSU EVENTS

FRSES Group Interest Meeting
Wednesday, September 8 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Johnson Hall 132
It’s time to start planning the 28th annual Front Range Student Ecology Symposium (FRSES)! We’re excited to host an in-person symposium again this year, and the Executive Team needs your help to make that happen! If you’re interested in volunteering to help or want to learn more, we will be hosting our first meeting on Wednesday, September 8th in the GDPE conference room at Johnson Hall (JH 132)! Come join us from 12-1 pm to learn more and enjoy a GDPE-provided pizza lunch!

Graduate Student Showcase
Call for proposals: Celebrate research, creativity, and entrepreneurship with us during the week of November 8 at the Graduate Student Showcase! During this premier interdisciplinary event, graduate students from all CSU colleges and interdisciplinary programs will present their work virtually to 200+ judges while competing for over $19K in scholarships during the GradShow. The call for proposals for the 2021 GradShow will close once capacity is reached or by Oct. 1 at 4:00 p.m. MT. More Information here

DEADLINES

Forms Deadlines
GS6
If you are starting your 3rd semester (i.e. you started this time last fall) your GS6 - Program of Study is due to the Grad School this semester. This will need to be submitted to Jennifer Neuwald jennifer.neuwald@colostate.edu jennifer.neuwald@colostate.edu prior to you registering for the spring semester. Remember to complete your Supplemental GS6 and get Jennifer Neuwald's approval prior to completing the GS6 on RamWeb.

GS25
Fall 2021 Graduates: September 17, 4:45 pm (MT)
Deadline for Application for Graduation GS25 Form (students applying to graduate for the first time) OR Reapplication for Graduation (students who have applied to graduate for a previous term). Access the form on RAMweb.

Tuition & Fee Adjustments
Students can receive a full or partial (based on the percentage rates of assessment below by date) reduction in tuition and fees as show below. After September 19, students will be assessed full tuition and fees for any courses for which they are enrolled:

- September 5: Last day for 0% assessment of tuition and general fees.
- September 12: Last day for 25% assessment of tuition and general fees.
- September 19: Last day for 50% assessment of tuition and general fees.
- September 20: through the last day of classes (before Final Exam Week): No tuition/fees reductions; 100% assessment of tuition and general fees.

Students: Important Note If you intend to register for Continuous Registration or courses, please do so. You will be assessed a late fee at this point, and after Wednesday, Sept. 8, you will be required to submit a Late Registration Change Request. Graduate degree candidates must be either enrolled for
at least one credit or must register for CR during the term (fall, spring, or summer) in the semester you will graduate. Learn more at Graduateschool.colostate.edu/policies-and-procedures/continuous-registration-graduate-enrollment-policies

CENSUS: Add/drop deadline, Grading Mode changes (Student Option S/U and Audit) Deadline Wednesday, September 8

Other Deadlines
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.

COURSES

**Trying to add more than 1 Research/Thesis/Dissertation credit on Ramweb? Watch this helpful video**

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

Research Ecologist/Forester - Southern Pine Ecology & Management (Permanent, Full-Time GS-12 Scientist Position). Nacogdoches, TX
Application Due Date: Deadline extended until September 8
This announcement is for one (1) vacancy assigned to the SRS 4159 Southern Pine Ecology Management, Assistant Station Director - Forest Watershed Science, Southern Research Station with a duty station located in Nacogdoches, TX. This position supports the USDA, Forest Service, Southern Research Station. This research scientist plans and conducts research on pine- and pine-hardwood-dominated ecosystems of the region. This is a research scientist position and is classified under the scientist career plan. Research scientists have open-ended promotion potential. Research accomplishments and their impact on the duties and responsibilities of positions are evaluated periodically. The grade level is limited only by the individual's demonstrated ability to perform research of recognized importance to science and technology. Final grade level will be determined by a peer review panel. The purpose of the initial review panel is to determine the grade level upon entry into a position. For additional information about the duties of this position, please contact Dr. Don Bragg at 870-308-0134 or don.c.bragg@usda.gov. Job Opportunity Announcement Number 21-RES-11196101-DP-TCW. More information here.
Research Ecologist/Botanist, Restoring & Managing Longleaf Pine (Permanent, Full-Time GS-12 Scientist Position). Auburn, AL

Application Due Date: Deadline extended until September 8

This announcement is for one (1) vacancy assigned to the SRS 4158 Restoring and Managing Longleaf Pine, Assistant Station Director - Forest Watershed Science, Southern Research Station with a duty station located in Auburn, AL.

This position supports the USDA, Forest Service, Southern Research Station. This research scientist plans and conducts research on longleaf pine-dominated ecosystems in the southern U.S., focusing on fruitful avenues of botanical and ecological investigations.

This is a research scientist position and is classified under the scientist career plan. Research scientists have open-ended promotion potential. Research accomplishments and their impact on the duties and responsibilities of positions are evaluated periodically. The grade level is limited only by the individual's demonstrated ability to perform research of recognized importance to science and technology. Final grade level will be determined by a peer review panel. The purpose of the initial review panel is to determine the grade level upon entry into a position. For additional information about the duties of this position, please contact Dr. Don Bragg at 870-308-0134 or don.c.bragg@usda.gov Job Opportunity Announcement Number 21-RES-11195396-DP-TCW. More information here.

Postdoc Position: Research Scholarship in the Scope of a R&D Project

Application Due Date: September 12

It is now open the call, for the period of 20 days, for a Post-Doc position in the scope of the project “Soil Ecosystems in the XXI Century: drivers, conservation and future scenarios”, with the reference FCT-PTDC/BIA-CBI/2340/2020 and led by the Polytechnic Institute of Viana do Castelo (IPVC). The selected candidate will be directly integrated in the project “Soil Ecosystems in the XXI Century: drivers, conservation and future scenarios” which deals directly with developing scenarios of active soil nature conservation, focusing on the protection of soil biodiversity and key ecosystem functions. More information here.

Postdoc Appointment: Turkey Population Modeling

Application Due Date: September 30

The Pennsylvania Game Commission is initiating long-term research on wild turkey in Pennsylvania to develop a decision model for setting fall harvest regulations, develop an integrated population model to monitor population trends, and investigate ways to improve population monitoring and the decision process. There will be mentoring opportunities as the project will support a PhD and MS student beginning in Fall 2022. More information here.

Postdoctoral Researcher: Climate Change Impacts on Agriculture and Water Resources

Application Due Date: October 1

The Department of Ecosystem Science & Sustainability and the Department of Soil & Crop Sciences at Colorado State University (CSU) invite applications for a Postdoctoral Scholar to analyze climate change impacts on agriculture and water resources. The postdoc’s primary mentor will be Dr. Nathan Mueller. Resources are available for conference and workshop travel. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated success in academic publishing, relevant domain expertise, excellent written and oral communication, and considerable experience with quantitative data analysis of environmental and spatial datasets (e.g., using Matlab, R, or Python). A PhD in environmental science or a related discipline is required at the start of the appointment. The start date is flexible. More information here.

The Nature Conservancy - Claire M. Hubbard Young Leaders in Conservation Fellowship

Application Due Date: October 1

The Nature Conservancy is the leading conservation organization working to make a positive impact around the world in more than 60 countries, all 50 United States, and your backyard. Founded in 1951, the mission of The Nature Conservancy is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. One of our core values is our commitment to diversity therefore we are committed to a globally diverse and culturally competent workforce. Visit www.nature.org/aboutus to learn more. Join the Nebraska team and bolster your conservation and leadership experience through the Hubbard Fellowship. The work of this position will help build a healthy future for grasslands, rivers, and people through land management and restoration, science, outreach, fundraising, and other conservation activities. More information here.

Submit Job Announcement