Hello fellow graduate students!

We have officially made it to October! I hope everyone is lucky enough to see the aspen prepare for winter dormancy and has enough time to think of a clever and science related Halloween costume!

We are still early in the semester but we already have some amazing student accomplishments to highlight. Current student Emily Stuchiner and recent graduate Charlotte Alster are both recipients of two ESA Biogeoscience awards. Charlotte Alster won the Likens Award for her paper in Global Change Biology ([found here](#)) and Emily Stuchiner won the New Phytologist Outstanding Student Presentation Award for her oral presentation. A huge congratulations to these two for all the work that went into their research and these awards!

Also a reminder that we would love to hear about any of your successes, tag us on twitter (@CSU_Ecology) or email me directly (taryn.contento@colostate.edu).

Have a lovely October!

Taryn

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**GDPE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**PhD Dissertation Defense Seminar**

**Erika Peirce**

*Improving integrated pest management of wheat stem sawfly*

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 12, 2021**

11:00 AM

Plant Science, room C101

[Zoom link](#)

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**Master’s Thesis Defense Seminar**

**Taryn Contento**

*Willow Growth Response to Altered*
ECOLOGY & CSU EVENTS

Front Range Student Ecology Symposium (FRSES)
The next Front Range Student Ecology Symposium (FRSES) planning meeting will be Friday, October 22nd at noon (location TBD). We are also looking for speaker suggestions! Do you know an ecologist with particularly interesting or novel research? Have you seen someone present before that you wish you could see present again? You can suggest anyone, near or far, that you think would give an engaging presentation and lead an exciting workshop! If you have a suggestion, please submit it using this form: https://forms.gle/h2UqnpdyHovrL3UU8. We will use these suggestions as we start reaching out to possible speakers for this year's symposium!

Social Justice and Human-Carnivore Coexistence: Considering Indigenous Voices and Rights in Wolf Reintroduction and Management
Thursday October 21st from 4:30-7:30 pm - LSC Theater
More information here.

DEADLINES

GDPE Fall Small Research Grant Call for Students
Application Deadline: October 4
This is competitive funding to support research based on merit and quality of a research proposal. Please send your materials to (jennifer.neuwald@colostate.edu) by that date (including your advisor's letter). Application form.

GDPE Competitive Grant for Professional Development & Travel
Application Deadline: October 6 (students may submit early)
We are accepting applications for professional development and travel grants (up to $500) to GDPE students who are seeking aid to attend professional meetings, workshops, symposia, or other professional development events. Application form More details here.

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.

Send us your photos!
Send us your photos from the field, or just photos of you taking some time to enjoy autumn!

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!

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**General Student Resources**
- COVID Resources for Grad Students
- CSU COVID Recovery Resources

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**GRANTS & JOBS**

**Lab Manager Position in Soil Ecology at the University of Minnesota and Cedar Creek**
*Application Due Date: Open until filled*
We are seeking a lab manager to jointly manage the labs of Professors Peter Kennedy and Sarah Hobbie, and to help coordinate and carry out several related collaborative projects examining fungal effects on soil carbon dynamics as well as the abiotic and biotic factors determining fungal distributions both above- and belowground. More information [here](#).

**PhD Assistantships in Ecology to Study White-tailed Ptarmigan Population Processes (Demographics and Genomics)**
*Application Due Date: October 4*
We are recruiting two graduate students to study white-tailed ptarmigan population dynamics in the southern Rocky Mountains of Colorado. This research is part of a continuing long-term study of two ptarmigan populations (Mt. Evans and Trail Ridge [Rocky Mountain NP]) that began in 1966. More information [here](#).

**USGS Alaska Science Center Ecosystems Quantitative Research Position**
*Application Due Date: October 11*
Research Wildlife Biologist within the Alaska Science Center - Responsible for the planning and conducting of quantitative and statistical investigations with focus on USGS Ecosystem Mission Area topics in the Arctic and subarctic regions of Alaska. The research includes various quantitative analyses, modeling and mapping of data for studies on behavioral response, population dynamics, population trends, the distribution and abundance of wildlife and their habitats, habitat and landscape characteristics relative to the effects of climate change, and analysis of data. More information [here](#).

**Peace Corps Strategic Campus Recruiter (CSU)**
*Application Due Date: October 18*
The Peace Corps Strategic Campus (Strat) Recruiter will increase awareness of Peace Corps Volunteer opportunities on campus and in the surrounding community through a variety of recruitment activities. More information [here](#).

**John J. and Katherine C. Ewel Postdoctoral Fellowship in Ecology and Environmental Science in the Tropics and Subtropics**
*Application Due Date: January 9, 2022*
The John J. and Katherine C. Ewel Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in Ecology and Environmental Science in the Tropics and Subtropics will enable a recent doctoral recipient to study tropical or subtropical ecology and environmental sciences at the University of Florida (UF). The Fellow will conduct research for two years with a UF faculty member in any department, in any subdiscipline of ecology or environmental science. The fellowship is intended to advance science and enrich the scope and depth of research credentials of both the Fellow and the faculty mentor. A successful application will be based on a partnership between the applicant and the mentor that builds on the strengths of both. Evidence of joint development of the research proposal is key. More information [here](#).

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Submit Job Announcement