



March 13, 2023

Happy Spring Break, Everyone!

As scientists, we tend to like patterns. Did anyone else notice that today's date (03-13-23) has an incremental increase in the ten's digit while keeping the one's digit constant at "3"? I believe I have officially put to rest any questions as to my nerdiness ;P. Ok! Onto official business:

We are officially half-way through the spring semester and there have been a lot of things going on with GDPE! See below for details on DE Speaker nominations for next year as well as information for nominating yourself or someone else for a GDPE Grad Student Award.

Several of you have applied for grants this spring. We are working away at figuring out how we can support the most students at the highest amounts. We appreciate your patience. Travel & Training grants should be announced this week. Research grants should be announced next week (*thanks to all of the reviewers who have been getting their reviews into me!*). We also are making final decisions about some of the recruitment fellowships this week. If you are trying to recruit an outstanding student, don't forget to request an RFAP fellowship or a 1-semester guaranteed GTA position.

Have a great week, GDPE!
Jennifer

P.S. GDPE Curriculum Survey Reminder - We had a great response from folks last Monday, but still only have responses from a small percentage of the program. I will bump up the emails today so the links are fresh in your in-box. Please take just a moment to complete the survey. It really shouldn't take long. There are questions that ask you to log your ranking of different curriculum options, drag-and-drop curriculum categories in order of importance to an ecology degree, and use a sliding scale to share your opinion on the GDPE curriculum, etc. **We need you to do this so we have a good representation across our program.**



GDPE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Distinguished Ecologist nominations

The GDPE Executive Committee [invites nominations](#) for our **Distinguished Ecologist** series for 2023-2024. Please submit nominations by **March 22** to be evaluated by the GDPE Executive Committee the following week. This is an amazing opportunity to bring extraordinary ecologists to campus! We define "distinguished" broadly (exemplary, outstanding, highly respected) and seek a diverse group of speakers with clear potential to engage GDPE students and faculty.

Call for Applications or Nominations for GDPE Graduate Student Awards

GDPE offers four merit-based awards to graduate students. GDPE students are encouraged to apply directly for these awards. Additionally, GDPE students or faculty members may nominate students. Applications and nominations will be evaluated equally. All graduate students enrolled in the GDPE program at the time of application/nomination are eligible and awards will be given for activities occurring during the two years prior to the application date.

- Outstanding Publication Award
- Excellence in Mentoring/Teaching Award
- Outstanding Impact Award
- Broadening Participation in Ecology Award

Please also see the [GDPE website](#) for more information. Packets are due **March 24**.

GDPE Event Calendar

Student Defenses

MS Defense Seminar

Becca Harris

Implications of Facilitation and Heterogeneity for Plant Community Restoration in the Rocky Mountain Region

March 21, 2023
10:00 am MT
WCNR 402
Teams [link](#)

Implications of Facilitation and Heterogeneity for Plant Community Restoration in the Rocky Mountain Region

Becca Harris
Master's Thesis Defense
March 21st at 10 am
WCNR 402

Join us online at: shorturl.at/gjtxj

Advisor: Mark Paschke
Committee Members:
Carrie Havrilla,
Chuck Rhoades & Melinda
Smith



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT

PHD EXIT SEMINAR

"GRASSLAND RESPONSES TO SEASONAL SHIFTS IN WATER AVAILABILITY"

MARCH

TUESDAY **21** 2:00 PM

YATES 306

Advisor: Alan Knapp
Committee Members: Joe von Fisher, Daniela Cusack, & Russ Schumacher

Join us online
<https://zoom.us/j/98713609123>

OLIVIA HAJEK

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

PhD Defense Seminar

Olivia Hajek

Grassland Responses to Seasonal Shifts in Water Availability

March 21, 2023
2:00 pm MT
Yates 304
Zoom [link](#)

DEADLINES

GDPE Deadlines

March 15 - GTA Recruitment Nominations

March 22 - Distinguished Ecologist Nominations

March 24 - Graduate Student Awards Applications and Nominations

Graduate School

March 24 - Conference Travel Grant Deadline. Access the form [here](#).

If you plan on celebrating at the Graduate School Commencement Ceremony on May 12, you may order your cap, gown, and tassel in advance online via the [University Commencement webpage](#). The deadline for ordering regalia is March 28.

Please visit the [Graduate School Commencement webpage](#) for further details about preparing for your big day

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](#).

ECOLOGY & CSU EVENTS

Ecological Society of America 2023 Annual Meeting

ESA invites abstracts for contributed presentations (talks and posters) for the 2023 Annual Meeting, which will take place August 6-11 in Portland, Oregon.

Inclusive STEM Teaching Project

The Inclusive STEM Teaching Project is designed to advance the awareness, self-efficacy, and ability of STEM faculty, postdocs, graduate students, and staff to cultivate inclusive learning environments for all their students and to develop themselves as reflective, inclusive practitioners. Sessions will be held on Mondays March 6 - April 17 from 4:30-6. Learn more and register [here](#).

Webinars

Examining Linguistic Diversity and Data Science Curriculum in STEM Education with a Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Lens

How do we design and scale our STEM courses in a way that values diversity, equity, and inclusion? Learn more by attending this AAAS IUSE Webinar on **March 22 at 12PM**.

First, Dr. Manisha Sharan shares how linguistic diversity impacts STEM teaching and learning in higher education. Dr. Sharan will share strategies and scaffolding for educators, curriculum developers, and institutional leaders to help linguistically diverse students succeed in STEM.

Then, Dr. Vandana Janeja discusses the growing demand for data science skills and the challenges of scaling data science courses and curriculum throughout STEM, particularly at resource-constrained institutions. In this presentation, Dr. Janeja will share approaches for meeting these challenges in a way that prioritizes diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Learn more and [register here](#).

Let us know about your recent publications!

We are trying to highlight the great and diverse science that our faculty and students are doing. If you have recently published an article, please fill out the form linked below and our SciCom Fellow, [Josie Otto](#), will add you to our new Recent Publications section above. We can also feature your work on our website!

Please note that inclusion of events and publications in the Digest is not an endorsement by GDPE

[Share your Recent Publication or Research Highlight](#)

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, [Mel Morado](#) and [Erin Weingarten](#) to provide your feedback.

Stay in touch by tagging GDPE in your posts and photos on Twitter (@CSU_Ecology) and Instagram (@CSU_GDPE). Use hashtags #GDPE and #CSU_Ecology. We'd be happy to help highlight your research!

GDPE Social Listserv - Please make sure to sign up [here](#) for the GDPE Social Listserv to keep up with all the fun events we have planned this year!

GDPE Slack Channel - Join our GPDE Slack channel [here](#).

Submit Photos

We want your photos! What are you up to, how is your field and lab work? Share them with us here.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & JOBS

Grant Announcement - Western North American Naturalist **Proposal deadline March 17**

Western North American Naturalist will award at least **5 individual potential authors a grant of up to \$2,500 each** to fund their natural history research. Our intent in providing this grant is to help authors who may not have adequate funding to complete their research in natural history. We especially encourage individuals who are at institutions of higher learning that do not focus on research but where research is still possible. More information [here](#).

Scholar-in-Residence: Research in the Rockies

Deadline April 15

The Rocky Mountain Conservancy (RMC) and Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) Continental Divide Research Learning Center (CDRLC) is excited to announce the Scholar in Residence Program. This program follows the tradition of connecting scholarly and scientific experts in their field to the community and educational programming in our National Parks. This initiative allows a scholar to live and conduct research in Estes Park, Colorado near RMNP. Financial support gives scholars the opportunity to be creative, productive, and successful in conducting research or observations that are uniquely connected to RMNP. **The Scholar-in-Residence Program supports 5 months of field research and occurs annually from June 1 - October 1.** Please see the [CDRLC webpage](#) or [RMC webpage](#) for more information and application instructions.

Submit Job Announcement



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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY



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