



**March 20, 2023**

Hi dear GDPE folks,

Welcome back from what I hope was a relaxing and probably much needed break!

We are back in action and I wanted to invite you all to the second 2023 spring GDPE Distinguished Ecologist seminar this Wednesday, March 22 with Dr. Emily Stanley at 4:00 pm. (Coffee and cookies pre- seminar) and then join us for a reception at 5:00 pm for some delicious food and a chance to talk with with Dr. Stanley in person. These seminars are such a great chance to not only meet our speakers, but a chance to catch up with all the students and faculty in our community. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!

Very best,  
Dawn



## GDPE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN ECOLOGY  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

SPRING 2023  
**DISTINGUISHED  
ECOLOGIST  
SEMINAR**

*"Ecological frontiers: looking back to look forward"*

22 March 2023 4:00pm Biology 136

Coffee and Tea at 3:30pm in Biology 136  
Reception at 5:00pm in the Biology 3rd Floor Atrium

**EMILY STANLEY**  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Professor in the Dept. of  
Integrative Biology

### **GDPE Distinguished Ecologist Seminar**

Please join GDPE in welcoming our **Visiting Distinguished Ecologist, Dr. Emily Stanley** for her talk "Ecological Frontiers: looking back to look forward".

The seminar will be held this **Wednesday, March 22** at 4:00pm in Biology 136. Refreshments will be served outside Biology 136 from 3:30-4:00pm. There will be a reception directly following the

### **Call for Distinguished Ecologist nominations**

The GDPE Executive Committee [invites nominations](#) for our **Distinguished Ecologist** series for 2023-2024. Please submit nominations by **Wednesday, 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.

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### **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

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### 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 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am  
WCNR 402  
Join us online at: [shorturl.at/gjtxJ](https://shorturl.at/gjtxJ)

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



#### **PhD Defense Seminar Olivia Hajek**

*Grassland Responses to Seasonal Shifts  
in Water Availability*

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



**PhD Defense Seminar  
Amanda Cicchino**

*Linking Organismal Physiology to the Landscape to Predict Vulnerability to Climate Change*

**March 22, 2023  
12:00 pm MT  
Clark A103  
Zoom [link](#)**



**DEADLINES**

**GDPE Deadlines**

**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](#).*

## **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.

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### **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](#).

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## **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](#).

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## **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](#)

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**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](#).

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

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & JOBS

### 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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