



**March 27, 2023**

Dear GDPE Community,

Happy Snow Day! I hope you can catch up and rest and relax!

Grad students especially - I want to bring to your attention a training in inclusive pedagogy offered as a facilitated asynchronous on-line course, and Sci Com Fellow Josie Otto will be one of the facilitators! Register here: [GTAs Best Practices in Teaching at CSU: Inclusive Pedagogy](#) This is a great opportunity - I hope you'll take advantage of it!

This spring, we had really outstanding applications for research grants. Grants are going out to Rebecca Cheek, Hannah Horowitz, Ehsan Khedive, Tamara Layden, Alex Siggers and Kelby Woodard. Congratulations!! The decisions were challenging to make, and we sure wished we could fund all the proposals. If you applied but did not get an award - please don't be discouraged, and please do try again! Several of this spring's recipients applied previously, took feedback into account and were successful this time. Feedback can feel challenging for sure, but it is such a great path to both writing stronger proposals and doing rigorous research.

I was away during Dr. Stanley's talk but I hear it was great, and week after next we have our third and final Distinguished Ecologist seminar of the semester from Dr. Schell. Details below. It'll be a good one! Sara Bombaci is organizing.

Have a lovely week, all-  
Ruth Hufbauer, GDPE Director



Dr. LeRoy Poff (right) presenting Dr. Emily Stanley (left) with her 2023 GDPE Distinguished Ecologist Plaque.



GDPE students and faculty at the post-seminar reception.



**GDPE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN ECOLOGY  
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SPRING 2023  
**DISTINGUISHED ECOLOGIST SEMINAR**

*"Between the lines: Redlining impacts wildlife, society, and the environment"*

5 April 2023 4:00pm Biology 136

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

**CHRISTOPHER SCHELL**  
University of California - Berkeley  
Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management

### **GDPE Distinguished Ecologist Seminar**

Please join GDPE in welcoming our **Rising Star Distinguished Ecologist, Dr. Christopher Schell** for his talk "Between the lines: Redlining impacts wildlife, society, and the environment".

The seminar will be held **Wednesday, April 5** 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 seminar at 5:00pm in the Biology Building 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Atrium. We hope to see you all there!

Post-FRSES  
Celebration  
& Elections

FRIDAY  
Mar 31  
5:00 - 7:00 PM

EQUINOX BREWING  
133 REMINGTON ST.  
FORT COLLINS

SCAN TO SUBMIT  
YOUR NOMINATION!

FRSES will meet at Equinox Brewing (133 Remington St., Fort Collins) this Friday, March 31st from 5-7PM. We will recall our successes, discuss future considerations, and ideally elect leadership positions for the 30th year of FRSES! If you are interested in a leadership role, please fill out this poll ASAP: <https://forms.office.com/r/vrX987k4QH>

All students are welcome to attend and do not need to have previous involvement in FRSES to be considered.

GDPE Event Calendar

## **STUDENT DEFENSES**

### **MS Defense Seminar**

George Valentine

*Climate and landscape influence on brook trout populations and thermal habitat in the southeastern USA*

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George Valentine  
MS Exit Seminar  
Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 3pm  
Wagar 133

Advisors: Yoichiro Kanno and Mevin hooten  
Committee: Ryan Morrison



April 7, 2023  
3-4 PM MST  
Wagar 133  
Teams [Link](#)

**Ph.D. Defense Seminar**  
Bennett Hardy  
*Of Toads and Tolerance: Intraspecific variation in host persistence when challenged by disease*

April 14, 2023  
3-4 PM MST  
Wagar 133

Of Toads & Tolerance:  
Intraspecific variation in host persistence when challenged by disease

Bennett Hardy  
PhD Exit Seminar  
Advisors: Dr. Larissa Bailey and Dr. Chris Funk  
Friday, April 14 @ 3-4pm MT  
Wagar Building 133

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## DEADLINES

### Graduate School

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

### 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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# Recent Publications and Highlights

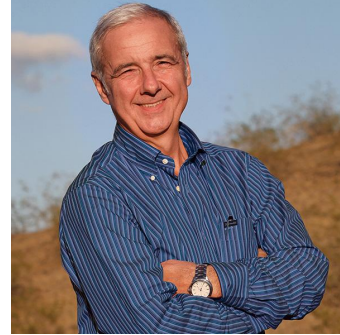
### Oswaldo Sala highlighted in recent publication

GDPE Alum and 2015-2016 Distinguished Ecologist  
**Oswaldo Sala** was recently interviewed for *In Their Own Words*, a series of journal articles published in *BioScience*.

He has some great insights into career trajectories, and how they often proceed.

Click the link [here](#) to read Sala's article or [here](#) to listen to the podcast.

Sala is the Julie A. Wrigley and Foundation Professor and the founding director of the Global Drylands Center at Arizona State University.



Osvaldo Sala



### **New article on how machine learning is changing ornithology**

GDPE PhD Student, **Mikko Jimenez**, explores how machine learning is influencing the way we study and interact with birds.

Read his article from The Conversation [here](#).

BirdCast Migration Dashboard - Try it Today!

## 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 GDPE Slack channel [here](#).

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.

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