



**March 25, 2024**

Dear GDPE Community,

"March Madness" takes on a different meaning here in GDPE. ;P

(1) Nominate yourself or another student in the program for one of the [GDPE Student Awards](#). Were you the first author on an outstanding publication this year? Did a lab-mate go above and beyond with mentoring? Maybe you are faculty and your student wow'd you with their DEI efforts with their research. Do you sit on a committee of someone whose work is being actively integrated into policy or management decisions? Due this week March 29 (*see below for details*).

(2) The [GDPE Distinguished Ecologist Nominations](#) for the next academic year are open! We will host two speakers this fall 2024 (Resident and Alum) and three speakers this spring (Visiting, Rising Star). [Hosting a speaker](#) is a great way to bring in folks you would especially like to interact with (maybe a collaborator, a future mentor for a PhD or Postdoc, or someone whose work you've always admired). Please refer to the March 13th email from Ruth with the subject "GDPE Distinguished Ecologist Nominations due 4/5" for additional details.

(3) The grants and scholarships for the travel & professional development as well as graduate student research are being finalized. I appreciate your patience as we work out how to support you!

I think that's it for this week! Have a good one, GDPE!  
Jennifer

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**A Note About the Digest:** *Since this digest comes from a non-CSU email address, you may need to click "trust content from this external sender" in Outlook to see images, or you could be missing important information each week!*



GDPE Event Calendar

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## DEADLINES

### **GDPE Deadlines**

**March 29** - Applications for GDPE Student Awards [due](#). Get recognized and rewarded (\$500) for your contributions!

**April 5** - 2024-2025 Distinguished Ecologist Nominations [due](#)

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](#).

## GDPE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



We had another wonderful seminar last Wednesday with Distinguished Ecologist Jianguo Liu! It was a great reminder for all of us to think about how our research fits into the bigger picture. Thanks to all who attended!

Our next DE Seminar will be on April 17th, and we will be welcoming Dr. Aida Cuni Sanchez as our Rising Star Distinguished Ecologist-- more details coming soon.

### 30th Annual FRSES Celebration & Info Session

Our 30th Annual FRSES event was a huge success and we think it's time to celebrate! Please join us from 5:30-8:30pm-ish on **March 28th (this Thursday!)** at Avogadro's Number for socializing, snacks, and music by local band Swamp Candle. A short presentation regarding positions within FRSES's organizing committee will also be given in the hopes of stoking interest for next year's event.



### GDPE Student Awards: Call for Nominations

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. Awardees will receive a plaque recognizing their accomplishments and \$500.

The award categories are: Outstanding Publication, Excellence in Mentoring or Teaching, Broadening Participation in Ecology, and Outstanding Impact. Applications are due on **March 29th**. Please click [here](#) for descriptions of each award, and to apply.

### Call for Distinguished Ecologist nominations

The GDPE Executive Committee invites nominations for our Distinguished Ecologist series for 2024-2025. Please [submit nominations](#) by **Friday, April 5** to be evaluated by the GDPE Executive Committee at their next meeting. 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. This call is for five speakers, two in fall and three in spring:

- FALL: Two speakers total
- GDPE Resident Ecologist
  - GDPE Alum

- SPRING: Three speakers total
- Rising Star Ecologist(s) are at an early career stage
  - Distinguished Ecologist(s) are established scientists

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## NON-ECOLOGY CSU EVENTS



**Climate Grief and Active Hope Workshop**  
On April 2nd, the Center for Environmental Justice at CSU, along with artists from the DreamCreateInspire Tour, will host the Climate Grief to Active Hope Workshop for faculty, staff, and graduate students involved in climate-related research at CSU. The workshop will address climate and eco-grief at multiple scales. **EVENT INFO: Tuesday, April 2nd, 2-4 PM MDT**, in Room 345, Warner College of Natural Resources. [Register here.](#)

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### **Being in the Field Workshop Series (Sponsored by SoGES)**

Being in the field is an integral part of sustainability and environmental sciences, yet are such experiences inclusive? If so, which elements are critical to inspiring persistence for underrepresented groups? This learning experience seeks faculty, researchers, undergraduate students, and graduate students involved in or interested in fieldwork. In this workshop, we will focus on how to respond to biases and microaggressions in the field. For those now submitting Safe and Inclusive Fieldwork Plans for NSF, this workshop will present some ideas on how to address the SAIF requirements. [Register](#) early to be counted for lunch!

A poster for the 'Being in the Field' workshop series. The title 'BEING IN THE FIELD' is prominently displayed in white on a dark background. Below the title, there is a QR code and the text 'REGISTER HERE'. The poster also includes the date 'APRIL 12 11:30AM-1:30PM' and 'LOCATION TBD'. A section of text describes the workshop's focus on diversity and inclusion in fieldwork. There are also icons of a tent and a person at a laptop. A small box at the bottom right states 'Attendance at the Fall 2023 Workshop not required to attend!'.

Date & Time: Friday, April 12th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm  
Location: On campus (location TBD)

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### **NREL Writes Spring 2024**

NREL Writes is designed for researchers (faculty, graduate students, soft money research associates, postdoctoral fellows) to facilitate collaborations and writing productivity. NREL Writes provides topical presentations, weekly writing sessions, that create low-stakes accountability to enhance individual and collaborative writing success.

Weekly Writing Sessions:  
Thursdays from 9 AM - 12PM (hosted on Teams)

**NREL WRITES**  
 SPRING 2024  
 Thursday mornings 9-12  
 JAN 25 - APR 25, 2024  
 Hosted on MS-Teams. [Click Here](#)



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Co-facilitated sessions with  
 Dr. Julie Heinrichs, NREL  
 Dr. Kristina Gaymire, CSU Writes  
 Kimi Conroy, CSU Writes

**JAN 25 - APR 25 (WEDS, 9am-12pm)**  
**WEEKLY WRITING SESSIONS**  
 Weekly "show up & write," sessions and accountability check ins. Held on MS-Teams.  
 Feel free to send discussion topics to Julie or Kristina.

**APR 29 - MAY 3, 9am-12pm**  
**(optional afternoon 1-4pm)**  
**WRITING RETREAT**  
 Build momentum on your projects! at the close of the semester with a 3-day retreat. You can make significant progress on your project and with colleagues at NREL Writing Retreats.

Additional offerings may be added during the semester to give WRITES members additional value.





Writing Retreat:  
 April 29 - May 3, 9 AM - 12 PM  
 (+ optional afternoon 1 - 4 PM)

**Department of Biology Integrations Seminar**  
 GDPE student Josie Otto is hosting Lisa Corwin (CU Boulder) for a Biology Education seminar on failure in research.

Lisa Corwin is the Principle Investigator for the *Research on Ecology and Evolution Education for Action and Change (RE3ACH)* lab. Her lab engages in biology education research and focuses on how biology students develop into resilient, creative, and competent scientific researchers in ecology and evolutionary biology and STEM more broadly.




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 COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

**FAILING (IN ORDER) TO SUCCEED:**  
 Exploring How Challenge and Failure in Course-based Undergraduate Research Experiences (CUREs) Can Become a Learning Opportunity

Wednesday, April 3rd  
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
 Biology 136

**Speaker:**  
 Dr. Lisa Corwin &  
 Sandhya Krishnan  
 Assistant Professor  
 University of Colorado

**Host:**  
 Josie Otto

Scan the QR code for more information on our seminars



Lisa and her postdoc, Sandhya Krishnan, will be presenting "*Failing (in order) to Succeed: Exploring how Challenges and Failure in Course-Based Undergraduate Research Experiences (CURES) can become a Learning Opportunity*" on **Wednesday, April 3rd, from 4-5pm in Biology 136.**



**COMSCICON 2024**  
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**Science Communication Workshop at Emerson College**

Applications for the annual [ComSciCon24 Flagship Workshop](#), taking place from July 24-27, 2024 in Boston, MA, are open! ComSciCon is scheduled to be held in person at Emerson College. **Applications will close on March 31st, 2024 @ 11:59 PM (EDT).**

Application link: <https://bit.ly/3uMJGv2>

**Call for Abstracts on Wildfires – ACS Fall 2024 Meeting**

Consider submitting an abstract to this symposium, entitled “Chemical Footprint of Wildfires: Impacts on Soil, Water, and Air Quality” at the Fall 2024 National Meeting of the American Chemical Society (ACS). The conference will be held in Denver, Colorado from August 18-22, 2024. Abstracts are due on

April 1st. [Click here](#) to submit an abstract.

## ACS FALL 2024 Elevating Chemistry

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August 18-22

Submit your abstract (Deadline April 1, 2024)

Share your Recent Publication or Research Highlight

## JOBS, GRANTS, & INTERNSHIPS

### **Two summer job opportunities: Teaching Assistant for Ecosystem Field Studies**

Our 21-day condensed field study courses in Colorado & the Caribbean are rewarding & rigorous hands-on learning opportunities. [Learn more here](#). To apply, email cover letter & resume/CV to Steve Johnson, Course Director at [steve@ecofs.org](mailto:steve@ecofs.org)

1. Caribbean Ecosystem Field Studies: Course dates are May 22 - June 11, 2024. (TA must arrive in Cancun, Mexico on May 20.)
2. Colorado Ecosystem Field Studies: Course dates are July 19 - August 8, 2024 . (TA must arrive in Boulder CO on July 18.)

### **Postdoc Position in restoration ecology in Flagstaff, AZ**

A post-doctoral position will be available soon at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Southwest Biological Science Center located in Flagstaff, AZ. This position will focus on research to understand the management actions and environmental conditions that promote successful dryland restoration outcomes in highly disturbed areas in the western United States. The successful candidate will have in-depth experience in restoration ecology and advanced skills in geospatial analysis of ecological processes across heterogeneous landscapes. The ideal candidate will have a Ph.D. in restoration ecology, plant ecology, dryland ecology, global change science, soil science, or earth science as well as a strong work ethic, demonstrated quantitative capabilities, a record of publication and leadership, and a proven ability to work independently. Interested individuals should contact and send a CV to Seth Munson ([smunson@usgs.gov](mailto:smunson@usgs.gov)). The official position will be advertised on [USAJobs.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov) at a GS-11/12 level soon.

### **Postdoc Position - Princeton Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology**

The [Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology \(EEB\) at Princeton](#) is seeking Postdoctoral Research Fellows in any area of ecology, evolution, and behavior. The EEB Postdoctoral Fellows work on their chosen projects independently, with collaboration and support from any member(s) of our faculty. Please see details of the posting [here](#), and reach out to me or my EEB faculty colleagues with any questions. Review of applications will begin after 5 April.

### **Water Use and Natural Capital Accounts Research Positions**

Northern Arizona University in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey is searching for team members to support a new effort to produce an accounting of the role of water use in the United States within the nation's Natural Capital Accounts. This scientific effort will utilize tools and methods including distributed national scale hydrologic modeling, national water use data, and the System of Environmental Economic Accounting. Positions will be advertised soon for a Postdocs,

Research Assistant Professor, Research Analyst (BS/MS), and/or Ph.D. Graduate Research Assistants. Please direct inquires to Dr. Ben Ruddell at [benjamin.ruddell@nau.edu](mailto:benjamin.ruddell@nau.edu). See [here](#) and [here](#) for more information.

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### **Applications Open for the Rocky Mountain National Park Scholar-In-Residence Program**

The Scholar-in-Residence Program allows a selected scholarly and scientific expert 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 the park. The selected Scholar also works closely with RMC's Field Institute and the Continental Divide Research Learning Center to connect their research to the community and educational programming of RMNP. The application deadline is April 15. Click [here](#) for details.

[Submit a Job Announcement](#)

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**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 Student Teams Channel** - Join our Teams Channel [here](#) for all GDPE-related questions, ideas, and discussions with fellow students.

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[Submit Photos](#)

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



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