



**April 29, 2024**

Dear GDPE Community,

The semester is drawing to an end, and it's time to celebrate with our annual Spring Picnic! I hope you can all take a well-deserved break from your busy end-of-semester schedules to join us at [Intersect Brewing](#) this Wednesday from 4-7pm. We'll be continuing the tradition of the GDPE Bake-Off, so bring your best homemade desserts for the chance to win!

I'd also like to give a shoutout to Maricela Alaniz and Shanelle Wikramanayake for their awesome science communication workshop earlier today. In just one hour, they shared an abundance of savvy tips and tricks for editing figures and creating graphics in Inkscape and Adobe Illustrator that are bound to save us *countless* hours in the future. I only wish that I'd learned about this sooner! Great work, you two.

Lastly, I wish everyone the best of luck in these last two weeks of the semester, whether you are taking finals, catching up on grading and writing, or finalizing your summer research plans. You've got this!

Best,

Lizzy Rylance  
GDPE Science Communication Fellow

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GDPE Event Calendar

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## GDPE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **GDPE Spring Picnic**

Join us for an end of the semester gathering at Intersect Brewing this **Wednesday, May 1st from 4-7PM**. We will be celebrating our new graduates, graduate student award recipients,

and the rest of our GDPE community for completing another semester! Pizza and drinks will be provided. **We will also be continuing our GDPE Bake-Off!** Bring your favorite homemade dessert to enter the contest. Prizes will go to the top desserts. [RSVP here](#)



### **Call for ECOL 592 Submissions**

These unique seminars provide cutting-edge ecology topics which are changed and updated each semester. We are currently accepting submissions from students and faculty for the Fall 2024 semester-- this is a great opportunity to teach on a topic that you are passionate about! Previous seminars can be found [here](#) and the submission form can be accessed [here](#).

### **FRSES 2025 Volunteer Sign-up**

The FRSES 2024 executive committee is seeking folks interested in leadership positions for FRSES 2025. We plan to elect the FRSES 2025 president and treasurer by the end of this week! FRSES is a fun and engaging way to interact with your peers and host an awesome symposium that showcases student research across the front range. **Please fill out [this form](#) to indicate your interest.** Nominees with prior FRSES experience will be prioritized for president and treasurer. If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Ruskowski ([K.Ruskowski@colostate.edu](mailto:K.Ruskowski@colostate.edu)).

### **Volunteer to be a GDPE Peer Mentor!**

GDPE is excited to continue its peer-to-peer mentoring program for incoming grad students this fall, and **we need current students to help!** We all know that it can feel overwhelming to start grad school. Mentors can make such a difference in getting settled in and connected. The time commitment is small and the benefits

are great! Click the [link here](#) for more details and to access our Interest Form.



### **Join GDPE for Amphibian Week**

Next week (May 5-11) is [Amphibian Week](#), and GDPE student Kat Stroh has organized some educational opportunities to raise awareness. There will be two bioblitzes / herp walks at local ponds to talk about amphibian conservation and explore the diversity of amphibians in Fort Collins. Stop by the CSU Environmental Learning Center on Wednesday (May 8th) or Saturday (May 11th) to participate. Walks will start at 7:30 p.m., and participants can stay as long as they want. Help spread the word and share this information with anyone who might be interested!

## **CSU EVENTS & ECOLOGY CONFERENCES**



18th ANNUAL  
**GRADUATE  
CLIMATE  
CONFERENCE**  
NOV 1-3 PACK FOREST, WA

### **2024 Graduate Climate Conference (GCC)**

The University of Washington will be hosting the 18th Annual Graduate Climate Conference (GCC) on November 1-3, 2024, at the Pack Forest Conference Center outside of Seattle, Washington. The GCC is an annual interdisciplinary climate conference run by graduate students, for graduate students featuring panel discussions, presentations, workshops, social events, and more. **The deadline for abstract submission is June 14th.** Apply on [our website](#)

today! There is no fee to register or apply. Acceptances will be emailed in July. Limited funding to cover any costs incurred by attending the conference will be awarded on an as-needed basis to as many participants as possible.

### **CSU Climate Initiative Talks: Climate Change and Ecological Restoration**

The CSU Climate Initiative will host a networking session with short talks on climate change and ecological restoration, followed by a happy hour.

This event is open for any and all faculty members and students working on climate change to come and network. The event will be hosted at Avogadro's Number from 4 - 5:30 pm on Tuesday, April 30. No registration or fees are required to attend.

**When:** April 30 from 4 - 5:30 pm

**Where:** Avogadro's Number  
605 S Mason St., Fort Collins

CSU Climate Initiative  
presents talks on  
**Climate Change & Ecological Restoration**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024**

**4 - 5:30 pm at Avogadro's Number**  
605 S Mason St., Fort Collins

**CO-DEVELOPING ACTIONABLE KNOWLEDGE FOR FOREST RESTORATION AND RESILIENCE**  
Tony Cheng (Colorado Forest Restoration Institute and Forest & Rangeland Stewardship)

**CARBON-CLIMATE FEEDBACK AND TRANSIENT CLIMATE RESPONSE TO EMISSIONS**  
Scott Denning (Department of Atmospheric Science)

**CONSERVATION INTENTIONS & PLACE ATTACHMENT AMONG MALE & FEMALE FOREST LANDOWNERS**  
Anne Mook (Institute for Research in the Social Sciences)

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## FALL 2024 COURSES

**BZ 560: Teaching and Communicating Science**

Do you want to...

- Communicate** science in engaging ways
- Teach** science using inclusive pedagogy
- Support** inquiry-based science learning in different contexts
- Create** a science teaching portfolio (for TILT Graduate Teaching Certificate)

Credits: 3  
When: Fall 2024, T/R 9:30-10:45  
Where: NESB 302B  
Instructor: Meena Balgopal (Biology)  
For whom: Graduate or upper-division Undergraduate science majors [Meena.Balgopal@colostate.edu](mailto:Meena.Balgopal@colostate.edu)

### **BZ 560: Teaching and Communicating Science**

Tuesday/Thursday from 9:30 - 10:45 am

Instructor: Meena Balgopal

Nature of science, scientific reasoning, scientific argumentation, communication theories, and instructional strategies are explored. Develop science argumentation and communication skills in undergraduate courses and in informal settings. Create materials for a professional portfolio.

## JOBS, GRANTS, & INTERNSHIPS

### **Research Director position at The Land Institute**

As the Natural Science Research Director, you will be the strategic and operational lead of The Land Institute's efforts in perennial grain crop breeding (Kernza, legumes, oilseeds, sorghum, and wheat), crop protection genetics, and soil, intercrop, and crop protection ecology. With deep knowledge and research experience, you will comprehensively understand each research area. Through collaboration with cross-functional colleagues in fundraising, perennial cultures, crop stewardship, operations, and communications, you'll leverage your department knowledge to develop a robust natural science research strategy and growth priorities integrated with organizational vision and cross-programmatic themes. More information [here](#).

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### **Postgrad research associate positions in the USDA Forest Service Carbon Science Group**

The FIA Carbon Science Group is looking for two postgraduate research associates (post MS or PhD) to join our team. The incumbents should have a M.S. and/or Ph.D. in forest science or a closely related field (e.g., soil science, ecology, statistics) along with demonstrated research experience in forest inventory and sampling, forest carbon dynamics, land use and land use change assessments, and/or ecological modeling. Any questions and applications (cover letter and CV) can be submitted to Grant Domke ([grant.m.domke@usda.gov](mailto:grant.m.domke@usda.gov)). We'll begin reviewing materials on **May 1**, but we will continue to review applications on a rolling basis until the positions are filled.

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### **ORISE Fellowship in Spatial Analyses for StreamCat Watershed and National Nutrient Data**

We are recruiting for a post-bachelor's or post-master's ORISE internship opportunity with the EPA lab in Corvallis, Oregon. This is a 1-2 year term position, with potential for extensions based on available funding. The internship will work on projects to improve the quality and accessibility of several large, near-continental scale geospatial datasets, such as EPA's StreamCat and LakeCat datasets and the National Nutrient Inventory. See the job listing [here](#).

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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