



May 6, 2024

Welcome to Finals Week!!

We had a great time at the GDPE Spring picnic last week. Thanks to all who came out to celebrate (and bring baked goods!). We especially enjoyed celebrating our Award Recipients. I thought this would be a great opportunity to announce all of our students who have received awards this semester. Please join us in saying "Congratulations" to the following:

Outstanding Publication Award

Jasmine Nelson

Excellence in Mentoring/Teaching Award

Mel Morado

Josie Otto

Outstanding Impact Award

Mikko Jimenez

Matthew Sturchio

GDPE Research Grants

Rose Parham

Sophia Gulutzo

Laura Lukens

Holden Fox

Josie Otto

Shanelle Wikramanayake

Alyssa Mathews

Kyle Ruszkowski

Erica Robertson

GDPE Travel & Professional Development Scholarships

Alex Siggers

Carolyn Coyle

Maggie Church

Josie Otto

Kathy Condon

Lily Durkee

Teia Schweizer

Nico Matallana

Jasmine Nelson

Sophie Maksymkiw

ALSO...

Thank you to all of faculty & postdocs who served on the GDPE Grant Review Panel or as ad hoc reviewers this year. We couldn't do this without you!

Have a great week, y'all!

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

GDPE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS




AMPHIBIAN WEEK
May 5th - 11th, 2024

Celebrate Amphibian Week in Fort Collins
Herp walk!

Join us to discover local amphibians and other nocturnal wildlife in Fort Collins.
Wednesday, May 8th or Saturday, May 11th
7:30-10:00 pm
CSU Environmental Learning Center,
2400 S County Rd 9,
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Scan or click here to sign up for the herp walk, and learn more about amphibians and how you can help them.



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PARTNERS
IN
AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE CONSERVATION

Join GDPE for Amphibian Week

This 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.

GDPE in the News

In celebration of Amphibian Week, check out this [SOURCE article](#) featuring GDPE faculty members Chris Funk and Larissa Bailey! Both are doing incredible work on amphibian conservation.

Please reach out to Lizzy Rylance (erylance@colostate.edu) with ideas for future GDPE-related news stories and community highlights.



Amphibian Week highlights critical conservation research at CSU

Mikko Jimenez wins 2024-2025 Advancing Education Scholarship

GDPE student Mikko Jimenez was recently awarded the 2024-2025 Advancing Education



Advancing Education
Scholarship winner Mikko
Jimenez's journey to
environmental justice

Scholarship by the CSU Graduate School. This scholarship is awarded annually to one graduate student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in promoting equities in education for underrepresented students. Great work, Mikko!

You can read more about Mikko's journey by checking out this [SOURCE article](#).

GDPE Summer Sports League - Input needed

It's time for a summer staple-- the GDPE Sports League! The social committee has put together [this survey](#) to collect input on the preferred time and activities for this summer. There is no experience or commitment necessary, it is just for fun and getting to know each other! Please respond to the survey by **May 10** to provide input.



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.

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 [their 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.

Share your Recent Publication or Research Highlight

FALL 2024 COURSES



CALL FOR ECOL 592 SUBMISSIONS
Fall 2024

Scan to access the submission form

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN ECOLOGY
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

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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](#).

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



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

Post-doctoral associate with the Mountain Limnology Laboratory

The Mountain Limnology Laboratory (MLL) at the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research at University of Colorado Boulder is recruiting a postdoctoral researcher to work on a project jointly funded by the U.S. Geological Survey Climate Research and Development program and North Central Climate Adaptation Science Center. The primary project centers around synthesizing and interpreting 40+ years of long-term biogeochemical, hydrologic, and meteorological data from the Loch Vale Watershed (LVWS), Green Lakes Valley (Niwot Ridge LTER), and other high-elevation wilderness lakes in the southern Rocky Mountains. Interpretation will range from site-specific to global. More information [here](#).

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](#).

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). We'll begin reviewing materials on **May 1**, but we will continue to review applications on a rolling basis until the positions are filled.

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](#)

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.

[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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