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Ana Luz Porzecanski, Director, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History

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Our relationship to the environment, past and future: lessons from engaged archaeological research
Kristina Douglass, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and African Studies, The Pennsylvania State University

11:00am Break

11:10am Talk session 1
Studying biodiversity in human-dominated systems

Moderator:
Christian Rivera, PhD Candidate, University of Florida

A mixed-methods assessment of human–elephant conflict trends in northwestern Botswana
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1:45pm Speed talk session 1
New approaches for understanding biodiversity change over time

Moderator:
Suzanne Macey, Program Manager and Biodiversity Scientist, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History

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2:50pm Break

3:00pm Virtual poster session A
Wildlife research methods

Moderator:
Amanda Sigouin, Biodiversity Specialist, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History

3:40pm Break

3:45pm Virtual poster session B
Wildlife management approaches

Moderator:
Nadav Gazit, Visual Creative and Research Assistant, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History

4:30pm Adjourn

10:00am Welcome and Introduction

Felicity Arengo, Associate Director, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History

10:15am Plenary Discussion

Inspiring careers in conservation: SCCS-NY alumni share their journeys in the conservation field

Leo Douglas, Clinical Assistant Professor, New York University

Kaitlyn Parkins, Associate Director of Conservation and Science, NYC Audubon

Andrea Reid, Assistant Professor, The University of British Columbia

Moderator:

Samantha Cheng, Biodiversity Scientist, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History

11:20am Break

11:30am Talk session 2

Novel methods in biodiversity research

Moderator:

Felicity Arengo, Associate Director, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History

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Victor Cazalis

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Sam Chin

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2:00pm Speed talk session 2 Habitat management and restoration

Moderator:

Ivan Monagan, PhD Candidate, Columbia University

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Katherine Meier

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3:00pm Virtual poster session C Land use and landscapes

Moderator:

Erin Betley, Biodiversity Specialist, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History

3:40pm Break

3:45pm Virtual poster session D Conservation in social-ecological contexts

Moderator:

Kim Landrigan, Capacity Development Specialist, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History

4:30pm Adjourn

7:00pm Special Public Program SciCafe: Humans, Culture, and Climate Change

How can we better understand the dynamic relationship between humans and their environment over time, especially in a time of rapid climate change?

Kristina Douglass, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and African Studies, The Pennsylvania State University

Introduction:

Eleanor Sterling, Jaffe Chief Conservation Scientist, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History

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Thursday

October 7, 2021

10:00am Welcome and Introduction
Ana Luz Porzecanski, Director, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History

10:15am Talk session 3
Wildlife harvest and trade

Moderator:
Mary Blair, Director, Biodiversity Informatics Research, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History

The online trade of freshwater turtles and tortoises in the Philippines
Antonio Lorenzo II

Corporate actors in high seas fisheries
Gabrielle Carmine

Evaluating white-tailed deer management program effectiveness in southeastern NY
Ralph Green

Farmed or poached? The trade of live Indonesian birds in the Philippines
Josef Job Raymundo

11:30am Break

11:45am Speed talk session 3
Exploring peoples' relationship with nature

Moderator:
Peter Galante, Biodiversity Informatics Scientist, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History

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12:35pm Break

1:00pm Virtual workshops session

4:00pm Break

4:15pm Awards & closing remarks

4:30pm Adjourn

Friday

October 8, 2021

10:00am Network and learn: grow your leadership skills for conservation action

11:30am Break

1:30pm Workshops

4:30pm Adjourn

Thursday

An Introduction to Conservation Planning: A Participatory Training for Tomorrow's Leaders in Conservation

Organizers: Varsha Suresh & Jaclyn Lucas, Foundations of Success

Collaborating Across Sectors and the True Nature of Partnering

Organizers: Christina Imrich, Leala Rosen, Conservation Leadership Program, Wildlife Conservation Society; Stuart Patterson, Fauna & Flora International, Conservation Leadership Programme; Kate Mastro, Wildlife Conservation Society; Nina Hadley, Global Wildlife Conservation

Communicating and Visualizing Data for Conservation

Organizer: Simon Queenborough, Yale School of the Environment

Species Distribution Modeling in R and Wallace

Organizers: Beth Gerstner, Michigan State University; Samuel Chang, Pace University; Gonzalo Pinilla-Buitrago, City College of New York; Matthew Aiello-Lammens, Pace University; Mary Blair, American Museum of Natural History

Using QGIS for Species Conservation: Mapping Suitable Habitat and Connectivity

Organizers: Manette Sandor, Columbia University & American Museum of Natural History; Peter Galante, American Museum of Natural History

What I Wish I'd Known About Writing for Journals and Popular Media

Organizers: Andrea DiGiorgio, Princeton Writing Program & Rutgers University; Cathryn Freund, Massive Science

Friday

Addressing Causes, Not Symptoms

Organizer: David Johns, Portland State University

Dugongs and Sea Dragons: Using Game Play and Storytelling to Engage Diverse Conservation Voices

Organizers: Joshua Drew, State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry; E. Christopher Parsons, University of Exeter

Elevating Pitches: Networking for Science and Academia

Organizers: Sara Kross & Michael Levin, Columbia University

Statistical Approaches in Conservation: Moving from Correlative to Mechanistic Models

Organizer: Cristian Dambros, Federal University of Santa Maria, Brazil

What am I Doing with My Life? Career Planning For Conservation Researchers and Practitioners

Organizers: Mary Blair, American Museum of Natural History; Christian Rivera, University of Florida; Alex Moore, Princeton University

Kristina Douglass

*Assistant Professor of Anthropology and African Studies,
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Our relationship to the environment, past and future: lessons from engaged archaeological research

For the past 18 months the spread of COVID-19 has dominated news cycles and is at the forefront of local, national and international concerns. The coronavirus pandemic is one of many human-driven socio-ecological crises we face as a global community. In August of this year, the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), an international body of researchers who evaluate and synthesize the science of climate change, released their latest report. The report documents in sobering detail the extent to which our planet's climate is changing due to human activity. And, like the coronavirus pandemic, the climate crisis intersects with and compounds other problems, such as biodiversity loss, and food, energy, and water insecurity. The exceptional challenges of the present moment can seem insurmountable, but they present an opportunity to draw from deeper time and learn how people and ecosystems adapted to changing conditions in the past. I became an archaeologist because I believe in the power of storytelling. Storytelling is fundamental to human evolution and is what defines humans as a species. We have all had the experience of learning from our elders, those who came before us. If we think about it, we have millions of years of cumulative human experience on the planet to learn from. Our ability to pass knowledge from one generation to the next is central to our survival. Archaeology can inform our approaches to contemporary conservation by telling the stories of how ancient peoples shaped landscapes, responded to past climate change, interacted with diverse species of plants and animals, and sustained livelihoods over centuries and millennia.



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Distribution and current status of the largetooth sawfish in Costa Rica

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Session A

Testing the consistency of hybridization outcomes between two damselflies in SpainRosa Sánchez-Guillén^{1,2}, Luis Arce-Valdés¹, Janne Swaegers^{2,3}, Maren Wellenreuther^{4,5}, Bengt Hansson²¹Instituto de Ecología A.C., Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico; ²Lund University, Lund, Scania, Sweden; ³KU Leuven, Leuven, Flemish Brabant, Belgium; ⁴The New Zealand Institute for Plant & Food Research Ltd, Nelson City, Nelson, New Zealand; ⁵University of Auckland, Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand**SSF analysis of lions reveals broad- and nuanced fine-scale movement patterns**

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Observing North Atlantic right whale calling activity via passive acoustic monitoring

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Microhabitat partitioning by two sympatric cleaner gobies in Barbados

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Historical structure in African leopards (*Panthera pardus*) across sub-Saharan AfricaDanielle M. Lema¹, Corey Anco³, Alexis Neffinger¹, Evon Hekkala^{1,2}¹Fordham University, Bronx, NY, USA; ²American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, USA; ³Draper Natural History Museum, Cody, WY, USA**Estimating the location of genetic divergence using machine learning**

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Assessing genetic diversity of greater one-horned rhinoceros of NepalAbhinaya Pathak^{1,2}, Yu-Cheng Hsu², Amir Sadaula³, Janardan Joshi³, Kamal Prasad Gairhe¹, Ram Chandra Kandel⁴, Prashamsa Paudel⁵¹Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Babarmahal, Kathmandu, Nepal; ²National Dong Hwa University, Taiwan; ³National Trust for Nature Conservation, Kathmandu, Nepal; ⁴Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Forest and Environment, Province 2, Nepal; ⁵Tribhuvan University, Kritipur, Nepal**Evaluating butterfly wing traits in a novel environment devoid of forest birds**

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Comparing methods of surface area and mass estimations of large marine mammals

Milagros Rivera

University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, USA

Does training prey to avoid predators work? A meta-analysisJennifer Zhu^{1,2}, J. Stephen Gosnell^{2,1}, Laila Akalla², Micah Goltsman², Chelsea Wepy², Victor Siev²¹The Graduate Center City University of New York, NY, USA; ²Baruch College CUNY, New York, NY, USA

Session B

Can increased anthropization modify the vocalization of the Guiana dolphin?Teresa Belderrain^{1,2}, Rodrigo Tardin^{2,3}, Maria Alice dos Santos Alves², Israel Maciel^{1,2}¹Universidade Federal Rural do Rio de Janeiro, Seropédica, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; ²Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; ³Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**Using species' traits to improve extinction risk assessments**

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Use of social media to investigate den disturbance by humansTammy Cloutier¹, Gregory Rasmussen², Anthony Giordano³, Beth Kaplin⁴, Lisabeth Wiley¹¹Antioch University New England, Keene, NH USA; ²Painted Dog Research Trust, Sizinda, Zimbabwe; ³SPECIES, Ventura, CA, USA; ⁴University of Rwanda, Kigali, Rwanda**Impacts of giant tortoise introduction on terrestrial wildlife: Santa Fe, Galapagos**

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Bat navigation pulse adjustments in response to urban ultrasonic background noise

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Historical maps provide insight into a century and a half of habitat change in Fiji

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Setting conservation priorities for endangered birds in Ecuador

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Managing with logic in the Monarch Reserve

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Incorporating anthropogenic disturbance into SDMs of the common woolly monkey

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