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The Africa Center Newsletter

Happy Monday! We hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful Fall weather. Read on to learn about some of the things we're reading, watching, and attending to stay up to date on social, environmental, and sustainability issues in Africa!

Deadline Extended! Graduate Student Research Scholarships

Now through November 15, the Africa Center is accepting applications for student research scholarships for research focused on Africa. The \$2500 awards will recognize student commitment to African research excellence and impact on the world. The scholarships are open to graduate students of any college or degree program. A successful proposal will clearly demonstrate how the research is linked to African social or environmental sustainability and student goals. Visit our [Resources & Opportunities](#) page to apply!

ATTEND

Africa Center Guest Speaker Series: Redae Tesfai



Join the Africa Center community for the next installment of our Guest Speaker Series: Redae Tesfai. On **Tuesday, November 15 at 4pm in Johnson Hall Room 108**, Tesfai will discuss his work assessing the potential viability of an important but rare population of

Ambassador Pamela White: *Democracy In Crisis*

Ambassador Pamela White has had a long career in public service. She was a Peace Corps volunteer, held senior positions at USAID, and served as Ambassador to The Gambia and Haiti. Join us in welcoming her to CSU **tomorrow, October 25 at 3pm in the LSC's Longs Peak Room.**

Hosted by the Office of International Programs, White will be speaking about the failures of democracy around the world and the urgent need to address the issue of electing autocratic leaders who undermine democratic institutions.

African wild ass that exists on the Messir Plateau in the Danakil Desert of Eritrea. As the world's most endangered equid, African wild ass are subject to habitat loss, competition with livestock, and hunting. By exploring population growth rates using an age-structuring matrix model, Tesfai found that the greatest threat to population viability seems to come from livestock impacts on the resources that limit the African wild ass population size under anticipated climate change scenarios. Attend this guest lecture to learn more about how the presence of domestic herbivores, particularly cattle, may threaten the survival of wild equids in the arid ecosystem.

Add to your calendar [HERE](#)

DEMOCRACY IN CRISIS
Ambassador Pamela White

OCT 25
3PM
LONGS PEAK
in the LSC

In the last decade, the people of democratic societies across the globe have elected autocratic leaders who have undermined democratic institutions.

Are their elections the symptom of preexisting societal ills, or are they the disease itself?

And in countries where the damage to democracy is incremental, from where will the urgency to address this challenge come?

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Course Info Session: Integrated Social and Ecological Field Methods in Kenya (Summer 2023)

On **November 2 from 4-5pm**, join the OIP for an info session about an international field methods course being offered in Summer 2023. This program in the Samburu region of Northern Kenya will provide students with a unique opportunity to study both ecological and social field methods. Through field-based and classroom settings, students will be introduced to ecological and social science research methods in pastoral communities, gaining a depth of understanding that is rarely accessible to visitors.

Join the session [HERE](#)

LEARN

Combating the illegal cheetah trade, researchers first need to find the source

Led by [Executive Committee member Paul Evangelista](#), researchers at Colorado State University are breaking the flow of the illegal trade of live cheetah cubs by searching for undocumented wild cheetahs that are supplying the high demand for pets in the Middle East. In the Horn of Africa, cheetahs are not so much poached for skins and parts, but rather caught as cubs and trafficked with other contraband through Somaliland

Civil societies are key to Africa's climate change resilience, says Dr. Adesina

President of the African Development Bank Group, Dr. Akinwumi Adesina says civil society organizations are essential partners in the Bank's effort to build the continent's resilience to climate change. Addressing the 2022 Civil Society Forum on October 6, Adesina highlighted the African Development Fund's Climate Action Window to mobilize up to \$13 billion to provide farmers and pastoralists with climate-smart agricultural

and Yemen to wealthy collectors across the Arab Peninsula. With a new \$1 million dollar grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Evangelista's team will conduct surveys across selected regions of six African countries; Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somaliland, Somalia, Kenya and South Sudan.

Read more [HERE](#)

technologies and weather-indexed insurance. The scheme will also revive 1 million hectares of degraded land, and provide renewable energy for about 9.5 million people. The forum fostered an open dialogue with civil society actors, allowing them to share their views and proposals ahead of the global climate summit, COP27, slated for mid-November.

Read more [HERE](#)

LISTEN

Field Notes - Nelson Mwangi



In this month's installment of Field Notes, we chat with Nelson Mwangi, a PhD candidate in the Graduate Degree Program in Ecology. Originally from Kenya, Nelson is using his PhD to continue his work as a Tracking Manager at Save the Elephants to understand elephant space use. During our conversation, we discuss the challenges of being an international student during a global pandemic as well as the complicated nature of achieving human-elephant coexistence.

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Into Africa: H.E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, President of Somalia

[Into Africa](#) is a podcast aimed at shattering the narratives that dominate U.S. perceptions of Africa. Hosted by Mvemba Phezo Dizolele, Africa program director and senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Into Africa shine a spotlight on the faces spearheading cultural, political, and economic change on the continent.

In this episode recorded from a live event, Mvemba is joined by His Excellency Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia. The newly elected President came into office for the second time in May 2022 promising a more inclusive government and greater stability. They discuss the challenges his government faces, including countering Al-Shabaab, food scarcity during one of the worst droughts in decades, and a rising cost of living.

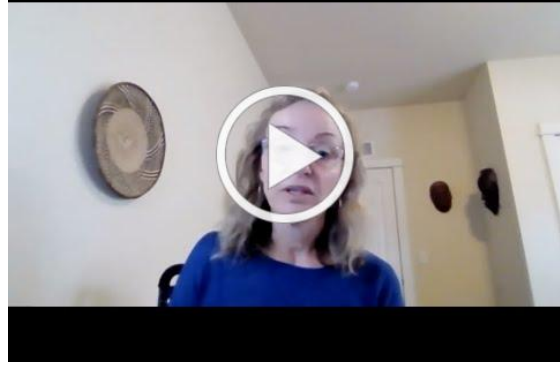
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WATCH

Climate Change and Food Security in Africa: From the Continent to the Local

Last month, the Department of Defense's

Strategic Multilayer Assessment (SMA) hosted a speaker session with Africa Center Director Kathleen Galvin as part of its “Anticipating the Future Operational Environment” (AFOE) Speaker Series. She discussed how climate change is having adverse effects throughout Sub-Saharan Africa—especially on pastoralist communities.



Watch the video [HERE](#)

Uncommon Ground: Whose responsibility is it to end plastic pollution?

On an episode of Uncommon Ground - a show that discusses the issues affecting the environment with young leaders and influencers - Kenyan environmental activist Elizabeth Wathuti debates whether plastic management starts and stops with the individual.



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