



The Africa Center Newsletter

Hi everyone! Happy Friday! Check out this month's newsletter 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!

ATTEND

Seminar: Dr. John Kappelman

Attend the Anthropology and Geography Department's seminar featuring Dr. John Kappelman **this evening** from 4:30-5:30 PM in **Lory Student Center, Room 312!**



ANTHROPOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Seminar

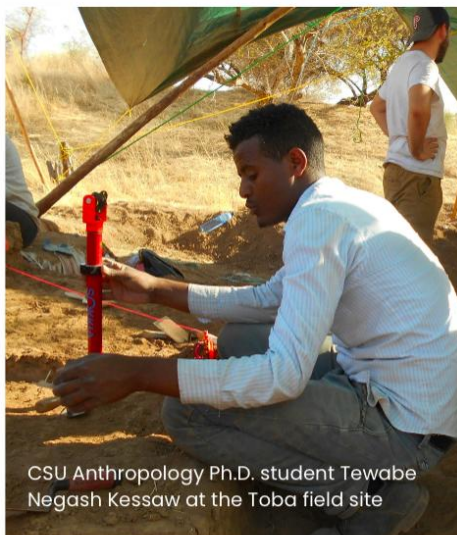
John Kappelman, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus, Departments of Anthropology
and Earth and Planetary Sciences
University of Texas, Austin

Adaptive foraging behaviors in the Horn of Africa during Toba supereruption

Friday, February 28
4:30-5:30 pm
Lory Student Center
Room 312

Open to the public



CSU Anthropology Ph.D. student Tewabe Negash Kessaw at the Toba field site

March Coffee Social



Attend the Africa Center's monthly coffee social on **March 5th at 10:00 AM** in **Johnson Hall, Room 108!** This is a great opportunity to meet faculty, staff, students, and community members who work in Africa or have an interest in Africa. Freshly brewed African coffee will be served along with other beverages and breakfast snacks.

LEARN

New Paper: Socioeconomic benefits associated with bats

Check out this new paper published by Siya Aggrey. Aggrey is a colleague of CSU's Dr. Rebekah Kading and the Senior Wildlife Research Officer at the Uganda Wildlife Research and Training Institute. The paper provides further insight into how bats affect human welfare. Check out the paper [here!](#)

LISTEN

Field Notes- Daniel Zimmerle



On February's Field Notes Podcast, we chatted with Daniel Zimmerle, the director of the Methane Emissions Program and the Remote and Distributed Energy Center at CSU. Zimmerle manages a diverse energy systems team and engages with field and community-based energy research. Tune in to hear more about Zimmerle's life, work in Rwanda, and advice for students! You can listen [here!](#)

How the once-polluted Mabamba swamp became a haven for rare birds

International Farm Radio

This episode hones in on the Mabamba Swamp, a large marsh area in central Uganda that is now home to over 300 bird species. Learn about how local conservation efforts restored the swamp to become an eco-tourism hub. You can listen to the podcast [here!](#)



WATCH

Safeguarding the shea nut legacy for Ugandan

women

Mongabay



Check out Mongabay's recent video about the significance of harvesting shea nuts to sustain female livelihoods. The video highlights Adong Betty's story in rural Uganda.

OPPORTUNITY

Graduate Student Poster Presentations and Awards

Celebrate research and scholarship with us on March 27, 3 - 5 pm in the Lory Student Center Room 300.

Graduate students from across the university are invited to submit a poster about Africa. During this interdisciplinary event graduate students will present their work to attendees and judges while competing for six discretionary awards – up to \$300 each (to be paid directly into student accounts). The Africa Center wishes to showcase the amazing stories of research and engagement that CSU students are involved with across the African continent. Eligible students are those either conducting research in Africa or whose work demonstrates important issues about Africa. This event is an opportunity to display their interests and work and network in a friendly and supportive environment. We welcome all graduate student presenters.

RSVP for the Spring 2025 Africa Center Student Poster Symposium:

Date: March 27, 2025

Time: 3-5pm

Location: Lory Student Center Room 300

Graduate Students with Africa Related Research or Work may submit an abstract to participate using this link: [Africa Center Graduate Student Poster Abstracts - Spring 2025](#)

Abstract submission must have the following details in a google doc:

Your email

Name

Masters or Doctoral student

Department

Deadline for abstract submission is March 10, 2025, by 5:00 pm MT.

Your abstract should be 250 words or less. Posters will be scored based on the Objective/Purpose, Methodology/Design, Results/Outcomes, Discussion, Conclusion, Impact, Poster Appearance/Layout, and Presentation. Judges will likely be from outside of your field of study, so it is important to explain your project to a lay audience. Judges may reach out with questions or comments during the judging process. Posters should be printed with maximum preferred size of 36"x48". During the poster session, presenters are expected to be in the room with their poster to field questions from viewers and judges. Need formatting help? Here is a helpful guide: <https://guides.nyu.edu/posters>

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