

FACULTY COLLOQUIUM
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WS 141
4:00- 5:00pm

Wildlife Ecology and Conservation in South Africa

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During the summer of 2013, Susan went to the northern Limpopo province in South Africa to help teach a course on wildlife ecology and conservation in South Africa. This region of South Africa includes the famed Kruger National Park where people can see the “big five”: the African elephant, leopard, lion,

rhinoceros, and Cape buffalo. Susan will discuss the different aspects of the course including primate behavioral observations, small mammal trapping, and detecting bat sonar. She will also talk about efforts to establish the Vhembe Biosphere Reserve (VBR), some of the challenges (both ecological and cultural) to its establishment, and future steps. Lastly, Susan will present some of the diverse animal species found in South Africa, as well as the main conservation challenges within the country.



Please come with your lunch and
bring your colleagues.