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Lovejoy Center

for Bridging Biodiversity,
Conservation Science & Policy



**LOVEJOY
CENTER**

Welcome to the Lovejoy Center Network!

Catch up on Lovejoy Center research, events, and ways to get involved.



Above: Lovejoy Reception @ DC Climate Week, May 2025

A Letter from the Lovejoy Center Director

Dear Lovejoy Center Community,

As the season shifts to fall, Tom Lovejoy's vision remains our guiding inspiration as we strive toward a world where biodiversity is championed and

protected through evidence-based actions.

We are thrilled to spotlight some recent achievements and milestones. Our group's participation in the [International Congress for Conservation Biology](#) in Brisbane, Australia strengthened ties between architects and ecological scientists—driving urban design that better supports wildlife. During Washington, D.C. Climate Week, we [convened a panel of leaders](#) around nature finance to discuss the pivotal role of investment in conservation solutions. Closer to home, our inaugural Lovejoy-Carson Scholar, Raymond Owino, continues to channel a collective affection for giraffes into innovative conservation efforts and [showcased his research at the Tumamoc Hill Boathouse](#).

Together, we are turning inspiration into impact—training the next generation of leaders, deepening global collaboration, innovating how conservation connects with communities, and ensuring our research leads to meaningful action.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

Rachel Gallery, Director





REMEMBERING JANE

We would like to honor the extraordinary life and enduring legacy of Dr. Jane Goodall.

Jane demonstrated a deep respect for all life. Her groundbreaking research with chimpanzees and her lifelong advocacy for conservation, human rights, and animal welfare showed us that empathy, scientific discovery, and empowering communities are what is needed to protect and sustain life on our planet.

Let's ensure her work and shining light of hope lives on.

LOVEJOY CENTER NEWS



Announcing Madeleine Wallace as the 2025-2026 Lovejoy-Carson Scholar

Maddie Wallace becomes the second Lovejoy-Carson Scholar.

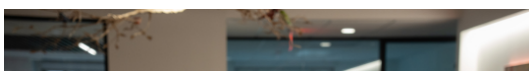
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BBCS Postdoc and Faculty Lead ICCB Symposium

Jessie Golding and Mackenzie Waller are laying the groundwork for the future of urban wildlife.

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Lovejoy Center at DC Climate



Week

The Lovejoy Center hosted a nature finance panel and reception at DC Climate Week.

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Lovejoy-Carson Scholar At Tumamoc Boathouse

Raymond Owino, the inaugural Lovejoy-Carson Scholar, is channeling affection for giraffes into conservation.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Graduate Students!



Every second Wednesday, starting **September 10th 1:30-3pm** in ENR2

Join a STEM-focused

Professional Development Workshop Series



Discover **essential professional resources** and learn from guest speakers across campus



Develop durable skills – from career preparation and mentorship to research management and planning



Tell your story and learn new approaches for **communicating your research**

Learn More + Register:



All are welcome!





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[Mentorship Workshop](#)

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Boost your skills as a mentee and a mentor with our guest from the MENTOR Institute!

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Research Skills

Discover research support at the Main Library, and play bingo for resource exploration!

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Career Paths in Science Panel

Explore different approaches to navigating a variety of pathways towards a scientific career.

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Save the Date For STRI Director Dr. Josh Tewksbury's Lovejoy Center Seminar

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Accuracy and Action, Individuals and Institutions - Making Science Count in a Changing World

Join us October 28th, 10am, in ENR2 N604 / Zoom.

ACCURACY AND ACTION, INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS – MAKING SCIENCE COUNT IN A CHANGING WORLD

Tuesday, October 28th · 10–11 AM · ENR2 N604 / Zoom



Featuring Lovejoy-invited speaker Josh Tewksbury, Director of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI). Josh is an ecologist and conservation scientist whose career spans research, leadership, and global collaboration. He leads STRI, one of the world's premier institutions for tropical science, supporting a wide range of fundamental and use-inspired research, engagement, and science to conservation work across the tropics. His work bridges ecological theory and applied conservation, with a focus on the challenges of biodiversity loss, climate change, and sustainable development. Josh's approach reflects a deep commitment to fostering networks that empower scientists, communities, and policymakers to address the world's most pressing environmental challenges.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're Hiring Student Workers!

We're looking for three excellent University of Arizona students to join our team this year. Learn more at <https://lovejoycenter.arizona.edu/join-us>.

University of Arizona Students –

We're Hiring!

Learn more at
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or scan the QR code



The Lovejoy Center is seeking an information-oriented
University of Arizona student to serve as our

Digital Archives Research Specialist



Apply by
October 19
on

Handshake

This position is ideal for students interested in digital archival research in a team environment.

- **Conduct** comprehensive searches
- **Catalogue** relevant materials
- **Analyze** thematic sources
- **Collaborate** to distribute information



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The Lovejoy Center is seeking a **creative and strategic**
University of Arizona student to serve as our



Communications Specialist

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This position is ideal for students interested in nonprofit **social media strategy** in a team environment.

- **Develop** communication strategies
- **Post** weekly on multiple platforms
- **Track** engagement and metrics
- **Collaborate** with the team to create new content

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The Lovejoy Center is seeking a policy-oriented
University of Arizona student to serve as our



Biodiversity Policy Research Specialist

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This **RISE Internship** is ideal for students interested in environmental policy research and analysis.

- **Research** current and historical Pima County conservation policies
- **Identify** key policy agents
- **Map** Sonoran Desert policy landscape
- **Collaborate** to distribute policy briefs

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Education Initiatives

Welcome, Phoebe!



Our new Program Coordinator

Phoebe Meixner is dedicated to supporting global conservation through interdisciplinary collaboration and creative problem solving. Before joining the Lovejoy Center, Phoebe worked in higher education consulting and as a fourth grade teacher.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT





Pictured above: BBCS Postdocs Desiree Andersen Bliss (left) and Ian Estacio (right)

The Bridging Biodiversity and Conservation Science Group (BBCS)

The Bridging Biodiversity and Conservation Science group (BBCS) is a cross-campus initiative that links campus strengths in conservation, human health, biodiversity, and societal well-being. Affiliated faculty mentor postdoctoral researchers to create new research that addresses the interdisciplinary scientific and societal grand challenges associated with developing and implementing the emerging transitions needed to mitigate and adapt to climate change in Arizona and beyond.

A YEAR OF IMPACT

In the 2024-2025 academic year, the postdocs of the BBCS Program produced 24 peer reviewed publications, mentored or taught 111 undergraduate and graduate students, and traveled to conferences across the country to share their research.

BBCS RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT



Evidence of extensive home range sharing among mother–daughter bobcat pairs in the wildland–urban interface of the Tucson Mountains

Published in the *Journal of Heredity* June 2025
by Desiree Andersen Bliss.

[Read the paper](#)



Data-Driven Decision-Making: Antarctic Fisheries



Published July 2024 in the Biodiversity Data Science Corp by Desiree Andersen Bliss and Jessie Golding.

[Download the module](#)



Global Future Drought Layers Based on Downscaled CMIP6 Models and Multiple Socioeconomic Pathways

Published February 2025 in Scientific Data (Nature Research) by Gabriel Moulatlet.

[Read the paper](#)



Maxent modeling for predicting the potential distribution of human-elephant conflict risk in Sri Lanka

Published December 2024 in Applied Geography by Ian Estacio.

[Read the paper](#)



When the wild things are: Defining mammalian diel activity and plasticity

Published February 2025 in Science Advances by Asia Murphy.

[Read the paper](#)

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BBCS PROGRAM

THE FINAL WORD

"The BBCS program has consistently supported my development as a transdisciplinary conservation scientist through ongoing collaboration with faculty, postdocs, and students, as well as travel opportunities to

participate in globally important conservation decision making meetings and scientific conferences. My work combines ecology, social and policy science, and design to bridge the gap between scientific knowledge and real-world conservation. By partnering with practitioners, I explore challenges in applying science-informed solutions and help to create new ways of understanding this space. For example, in the City of Tucson I am working to understand what features of the urban environment facilitate coexistence or conflict between wildlife and people. This work can directly inform how the City of Tucson approaches wildlife conservation and provisions for resident's access to nature."

—Jessie Golding

Bridging Biodiversity and Conservation Science (BBCS) postdoc

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We respectfully acknowledge the University of Arizona is on the land and territories of Indigenous peoples. Today, Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized tribes, with Tucson being home to the O'odham and the Yaqui. The university strives to build sustainable relationships with sovereign Native Nations and Indigenous communities through education offerings, partnerships, and community service.