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UML postdoc selected for Fulbright Specialists

Karen E. DeMatteo, a postdoctoral fellow in biology at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, was selected for a Fulbright Specialists project in Argentina at the Universidad Nacional de Misiones during November.

DeMatteo, of St. Louis, will provide training in noninvasive techniques to determine how landscape carnivores (jaguars, bush dogs, pumas and ocelots), animals that require large tracts of land, move through the heterogeneous landscape (protected areas, farmland, plantations, roads) in Misiones Argentina.

"I am very excited about this opportunity. This award provides me with a chance to expand my teaching experience on multiple levels," DeMatteo said. "Participation in the program will provide an invaluable opportunity to work with developing and established conservation biologists, share ideas and knowledge about conservation issues, and exchange information on various approaches and techniques that are used both in and out of the field."

The Fulbright Specialists program was created in 2000 to complement the traditional Fulbright Scholar Program. It provides short-term academic opportunities (two to six weeks) to prominent U.S. faculty and professionals to support curricular and faculty development and institutional planning at post-secondary, academic institutions around the world.

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