

Rebuilding a wilderness: from war to recovery in Mozambique's Gorongosa National Park

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

7-8:30 p.m.

Anheuser-Busch Theater

The Living World

Free admission

No reservations needed



Featured Speaker: Robert M. Pringle, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Princeton University; Board of Directors, The Gorongosa Project.

Dr. Pringle, an expert on the biology of African savannas, works on finding science-based solutions for conserving large mammals and healthy ecosystems in a human-dominated world. In his lecture, Dr. Pringle discusses Mozambique's Gorongosa National Park. Once one of Africa's most spectacular nature preserves, it was stripped of its wildlife by decades of war and rural poverty.

Since 2007, the Gorongosa Project has sought to revitalize and expand the park, advance social justice, and solidify the linkages between environmental and human well-being. This initiative challenges conventional ideas of what a national park can and should be. It also has revealed fascinating insights into the basic biology of African savannas – about why large mammals are important for healthy ecosystems, and about how to bring wild things and wild places back from the brink of extinction.

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