

2021 Rangelands Partnership Annual Meeting Agenda Online – April 19-21, 2021



Monday, April 19

Hawaii 9am-12pm | Pacific/AZ 12-3pm | Denver 1-4pm
Chicago 2-5pm | New York 3-6pm

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Zoom Link and Meeting Packet to be Emailed to Registered Participants

- 12:00 pm** **Welcome [Livia Olsen, KSU, RP Chair]**
- Meeting Logistics and Zoom Tools – Livia
 - Introduction of the Rangelands Partnership – Barb Hutchinson, UArizona
- 12:20 pm** **Welcome from WERA [Barbara Petty, Dean & Director of Extension, UIIdaho]**
- 12:30 pm** **Keynote presentation: Maria Fernandez-Gimenez, Professor, Forest & Rangeland Steward, Colorado State University - “Resilience and Relationality: Lessons from the Field.”**
- 1:30 pm** **Breakout Rooms – How have you adapted or shown resilience in the past year? (Professionally, personally, if you want). [Krista Ehlert, SDU, RP Vice-chair]**
- 2:00 pm** **Break (15 minutes) – Times listed are PDT**
- 2:15 pm** **International Rangelands Activities/Discussion [Barb Hutchinson, UArizona & Mark Thorne, HI]**
- North American IYRP Support Group Update
 - IYRP North American Communications Team Activities
 - International Rangelands & Grasslands Congress – IYRP Sessions
- 2:30pm** **RREA-NFF Project Updates**
- Shrub Encroachment Project Update [Austin Rutherford, UArizona]
 - Webinar Series [Mark]
 - Proposal Insights for RREA NFF 2022 [Barb]
- 3:00 pm** **Adjourn [Livia]**

Tuesday, April 20

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- 12:00 pm** **Welcome Back and Logistics for the Day [Livia, Krista]**
- 12:10 pm** **Lightning Round Report Discussion [Livia]**
Please view all the state video reports prior to the meeting (available in Meeting Packet in Box) and be prepared to comment on your peer's presentations.
- Alaska – Jodee Kuden
 - Arizona – Ashley Hall
 - California – Susan Marshall
 - Colorado – Retta Bruegger
 - Hawaii – Mark Thorne
 - Idaho – April Hulet and Jeremy Kenyon
 - Kansas – Livia Olsen and Walt Fick
 - Nebraska – Mitch Stephenson
 - Nevada – Amy Shannon
 - New Mexico – Casey Spackman
 - North Dakota – Nicole Juve and Miranda Meehan
 - Oklahoma – Laura Goodman and Allison Thompson
 - Oregon – Sergio Arispe and Dustin Johnson
 - South Dakota – Krista Ehlert and Nancy Marshall
 - Utah – Beth Burritt
 - Texas – Carolyn Jackson
 - Washington – Tip Hudson
 - Wyoming – David Kruger
 - Altar Valley Conservation Alliance (AZ) – Sarah King, Julia Sittig, Mary Miller
 - Sustainable Rangeland Roundtable - Kristie Maczko
- 1:15 pm** **Rangelands Gateway [Sarah Noelle, AZ]**
- General Update including State Content – Sarah
 - Topics overview and request for assistance – Sheila Merrigan, AZ
 - Public Lands Grazing – Anne Gondor, AZ
 - Simple Things You Can Do – Sarah
- 1:45 pm** **Break (15 minutes) – Times listed are PDT**
- 2:00 pm** **RangeDocs: Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) Grazingland Information System [Jason Karl, ID] and Follow-on RangeDocs Project for Extension [Amber Dalke, UArizona and Jason]**
- 3:00 pm** **Adjourn [Livia]**

Wednesday, April 21

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- 12:00 pm** **Welcome Back and Logistics for the Day [Livia, Krista]**
- 12:10 pm** **Action Groups – Introductions ([Action Group Sign Up](#))**
- Marketing & Social Media – Amber and Retta
 - Collections & Content Management – Jodee, Jeanne, and Nicole
 - Partnership Sustainability & Membership – Mark
- 12:25 pm** **Action Group Work – Breakout Rooms [Livia]**
- Marketing, Social Media, & Website Promotion – Amber
 - Collections & Content Management – Jodee
 - Partnership Sustainability & Membership – Mark
- 1:30 pm** **Action Group Reports: Progress and Next Steps [Krista]**
- 1:45 pm** **Break (15 minutes) – Times listed are PDT**
- 2:00 pm** **RP Business Meeting [Livia, Krista, Nancy Marshall, SD]**
- Report from the Chair, Review of 2020 Meeting Notes – Livia
 - Roundup
 - Administrative Update on WERA – Barbara Petty
 - Secretary Report – Nancy
 - Treasurer Report – Jeremy
 - Transition to 2021/2022 Executive Team
 - Awards and Recognition
 - Announcement of Location for 2022 Meeting & Discussion of Dates
 - Other Business
- 3:00 pm** **Wrap-up, Adjourn [Livia, Krista]**
- [Meeting Evaluation](#)
- 3:00-4:00 pm** **Optional Social Time**

Speaker Bios:

Maria Fernandez-Gimenez, CSU



Dr. Fernandez-Gimenez is a rangeland and human ecologist with expertise in rangeland assessment, monitoring, collaborative and community-based management, local/indigenous knowledge, and participatory research. She coordinates transdisciplinary teams that span physical, biological and social sciences and non-scientist participants to solve real-world problems in the western US, Mongolia and Spain. Her research interests include both ecological and social dimensions of wildland ecosystems, focusing primarily on rangelands. Current and past projects have addressed the following themes: rancher decision-making; community-based and collaborative natural resource management; traditional and local ecological knowledge; pastoralism and pastoral development; participatory research; gender and rangeland management; effects of livestock grazing and other disturbances on the structure and function of rangeland ecosystems.

Austin Rutherford, UA



Austin is originally from Georgia and completed his undergraduate work at Indiana University. Before coming to the University of Arizona, he interned for the BLM in Nevada and was a technician for the USGS in Utah. He is currently a PhD Candidate within the School of Natural Resources and the Environment in the Ecology, Management, and Restoration of Rangelands program. His dissertation work utilizes field-based experiments to investigate the seedling establishment phase of velvet mesquite shrubs in Sonoran Desert grasslands. These findings guide the development of a geospatial model and an interactive decision support tool to assist land managers in southern Arizona to evaluate a site's susceptibility to shrub encroachment.