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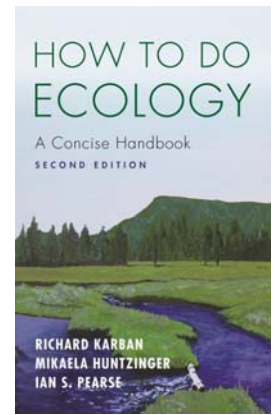
生態学分野での大学院教育とは？  
How to Do Ecology in Grad School

3pm-, Fri. Nov. 12, 2021

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Venue: Lounge of the Former Head Office of  
Forest Research Station (North campus map building 15)

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Grad school in ecology has many unwritten rules and expectations. As students, we did not know what these rules were, and we both felt lost and overwhelmed. This workshop is our attempt to make those rules clear for you. This workshop will be interactive with discussions in small groups and writing exercises.

The “currency” in high school and undergrad is grades; good grades allow you to get into a good graduate program. In grad school the currency is different, and the new currency is research productivity, measured as publications. This is what will allow you to take the next steps to graduate and get a job that you may like. This new currency may or may not align well with your own personal goals. It is useful to define your goals so that you can develop a strategy to better accomplish them.

Ecologists use different approaches to answer research questions – manipulative experiments, quantitative observations, and models. These three approaches have different strengths and limitations, and we will suggest the advantages and disadvantages of each approach

Expect to leave with a clearer idea of the strategy that you need to reach your goals and the approaches that might best help you answer your research question.

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