

**Parking** 

West-1 Regional Conference



1:00 pm - Meet for field trips at designated locations

**6:30 pm –** Dinner – University Center Columbine B (second floor)

7:30 pm – Awards Ceremony

8:30 pm – Keynote Speaker Dr. Michael Antolin – "The Effects of Patchy or Fragmented Habitats on the Population Genetics of Animals and Plants"

## Entertainment for the Weekend

## Keynote Speakers



**Dr. Nicholas Pullen** currently teaches at the University of Northern Colorado and runs his research lab at the university as well. Dr. Pullen's research focuses on discovering molecular signals and circuitry causing cells to become bad actors, and why some people are more prone to these problems than others. The labs goals are to better understand the diversity of innate and adaptive immune responses, and contribute knowledge to more individually tailorable approaches for treatment.



**Dr. Michael Antolin** is currently working at Colorado State University Fort Collins as a professor and a Biology department chairperson. Dr. Antolin has been conducting research on plague outbreaks in the black tailed prairie dogs for the past 18 years. He and his students more broadly observe the effects of patchy or fragmented habitats on the population genetics of animals and plants. The labs study sites have been on the USDA Central Plains Experimental Range and on the US Forest Service Pawnee National Grasslands.

## Field Trips

**Microbrewery Tour –** A visit to three local microbreweries in Greeley (transportation provided) for tasting and learning about the types of beer and the brewing process. This will be led by Dr. Robert Reinsvold, our resident mycologist and beer expert, and an official judge at regional and national beer competitions. This excursion will be restricted to those age 21 years of age and older. Identification will be checked.

**Sylvan Dale Ranch –** A guided field-trip to Sylvan Dale Ranch in the Rocky Mountain foothills. Sylvan Dale Ranch is one of the most ecologically diverse areas of the Colorado Front Range and is approximately 30 minutes from Greeley (transportation provided). This visit will be guided by Dr. Dave Armstrong, resident naturalist at Sylvan Dale Ranch and Professor Emeritus, University of Colorado, Boulder. His approximately three-hour tour will explain the geology, biology, and history of the ranch that has been owned by the same family for over 100 years.





- JBs local drive in diner with shakes, burgers and fries
- Stuft Burger unique burgers and shakes
- Cheba Hut toasted subs
- Roma Pizza local pizza restaurant with pasta as well



- Chipper's Lanes
- Greeley Mall
- Movie Theater
- Greeley Ice Haus



- Poudre River Trail
- Pawnee National Grasslands
- Glenmere Park
- Bittersweet Park
- Island Grove Park