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“FRUIT SYNDROMES:
DO FRUIT TRAITS MATCH THE
BEHAVIOR AND SENSORY ADAPTATIONS
OF PRIMATE MUTUALISTS?”

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 4:00PM

Dr. Kim Valenta is a Postdoctoral fellow at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. She is a primatologist who specializes in tropical primate-plant interactions. Dr. Valenta's work centers on the theory of primate-plant mutualistic evolution and how these relationships shape primate behavior, ecology, and evolution and how this influences forest dynamics. She uses novel techniques in spectroscopy and analytical chemistry to quantify fruit traits, and behavioral sampling to identify the senses that primates rely on during foraging. During this talk, she will discuss evidence for and against primate-plant coevolution in two very different study systems, the lemurs of Madagascar, and the monkeys and apes of Uganda.

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