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Session Goals

Describe some of the ongoing conservation work between WCU and the Forest of Hope Association in the Gishwati-Mukura National Park in western Rwanda.

Invite colleagues to consider engaging in research, teaching, and service in Rwanda with the Forest of Hope Association and the surrounding communities.
Agenda for Today

~What is happening in E. Africa? Why did WCU build a research station in Rwanda?

~What is our relationship with the Forest of Hope Association?

~What are the opportunities for multidisciplinary involvement?

~What are the resources to WCU students, staff, and faculty?

~How does it work? How can you get involved?

~Questions and Answers

“ I believe that for travel to be sustainable, there must be a harmonious interaction between travelers, host communities, and the planet, with respect to many physical, sociopolitical, economic, and other factors.”

~ Alissa Murray, Sustainable Travel Manifesto
Why Rwanda?

- Visit Rwanda
- Forest of Hope Association
- Gishwati Mukura National Park
- Shinehouse Gishwati Research Station

Engage local communities in conservation and restoration of Gishwati Forest and other protected areas (FHA Mission).

The Forest of Hope Association
Multidisciplinary Participation

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES - African lit, Genocide studies, dance, arts and crafts, dance, languages/linguistics, history and mass communication

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT – marketing, international business, environmental/urban planning, criminal justice, and public management/admin (Grad)

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK – field placements/experiences, literacy, environmental/experiential learning, social work and community engagement

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES – food/nutrition, public health policy

COLLEGE OF THE SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS – astronomy, earth science, political science, animal behavior, anthropology, engineering, tourism

WELL SCHOOL OF MUSIC – East african music, instruments, history

OTHER UNITS/DEPTS – athletics, libraries, retreats, conferences, leadership opportunities

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Q/A
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