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FALL 2025 SEMINAR SERIES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH
WSLR 116 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

JOIN US FOR A LECTURE AND CONVERSATION WITH

DR. ADAM FERGUSON

**From Curiosities to Conservation:
Exploring Research and Wildlife Insights
Through Museum Collections**



Dr. Adam Ferguson is the Mammals Collection Manager at the Gantz Family Collection Center, part of The Field Museum.

This series aims to stimulate discussion and create opportunities for collaborations. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Natural history collections' evolution from "cabinets of curiosities" to premiere institutions focused on research and education has expanded the breadth of scientific questions addressed by museum scientists. Although specimen-based systematics and taxonomy remain fundamental to these institutions, research topics range from disease discovery to conservation practice. The Field Museum's Collections, Conservation, and Research (CCR) Division is no exception; with researchers in the Gantz Family Collection Center (GFCC), Keller Science Action Center, and Negaunee Integrative Research Center working on a wide variety of topics. As Collection Manager of Mammals in the GFCC, I have had the opportunity to work on projects strongly tied to my background in wildlife management. This talk focuses on a subset of those projects, including: small mammal ecology in Chicago's South Side, pathogen discovery from museum specimens, and use of museum specimens for conservation of African small carnivores.

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