Abstract: Conserving species and promoting sustainable livelihoods outside of high diversity areas prioritized by most funding agencies present additional challenges to the already difficult task of biodiversity conservation. In temperate South America I focused my work over the last 15 years on defining conservation targets based on the ecological roles of wildlife, particularly carnivores and the guanaco, the dominant ungulate in temperate grasslands of the region, and implementing solutions through experimental approaches. I will discuss lessons learned from implementing large-scale mitigation and monitoring of impacts of hydrocarbon development and poaching, consolidation of protected areas, and a range-wide conservation strategy for the guanaco.

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January 27 @ 12:45 pm *during Tropilunch time*
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Light refreshments to follow the Lecture