

## Speaker:

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**Date:** Monday, November 3, 2025

**Time:** 4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

Format: In-Person Seminar & Virtual Access

Location: Genomics Auditorium 1102A

**Zoom:** 943 6687 2379

Passcode: 453393

## Title:

"Coming full-circle: My journey from research and education to research and education"

## **Abstract:**

Academic journeys do not have to be in a straight line. There are many ways to arrive where you want as long as you keep an open mind, have the courage to try new things, and meet new people. This talk is for people who are new to academia, are unsure that their current path is the path for them, and those keeping the door open to explore the unbeaten path. As a graduate student, I was almost certain that research was my only path and had dreams of being a research faculty at an R1 university. That all changed once I stepped foot into the classroom and discovered just how exciting and thrilling it can be to teach a class with enthusiastic, curious, and ambitious students exploring science for the first time. Alongside my passion for research, I changed my course, seeking opportunities that also honored my newfound passion for teaching, taking me along a path that was unique, unexplored, and that I could at the same time make my own. Along the way, the connections I made with colleagues and new friends propelled me along my path by providing exciting new opportunities to undertake. I will share this journey, some research data, and how my current role at CU Boulder continues to evolve to create larger impacts beyond the classroom and the field.

Refreshments will be served in the Entomology Building Courtyard at 3:30pm