



W-STEM and the Women's Program invite all faculty, students and staff to the annual W-STEM Invited Speaker Event with

Dr. Linda Cayot March 5 2018

1pm-2pm
Seminar

2pm-3pm
Panel

SSB 170



Seminar:
Restoring the Giant Tortoise Dynasties of Galapagos

Panel:
The integration of science and conservation:
Decision-making for a better world

Dr. Linda Cayot has worked for Galapagos conservation for over 35 years. Her accomplishments are evident in the rebound of endemic species she's helped to protect. Linda was first drawn to the Galapagos giant tortoises and did her doctoral research on them in the early 1980s. She later served as Head of the Vertebrate Department at the Charles Darwin Research Station (CDRS), with an emphasis on herpetology, and was an integral part of the breeding and rearing programs leading to the rebound of endangered giant tortoises and land iguanas. She is particularly well known for working with the infamous Lonesome George, the last remaining member of the Pinta Island tortoise species - *Chelonoidis abingdonii*. She initiated the Isabela Project to promote conservation in the Galapagos through removal of introduced goats. Linda currently serves as Science Advisor for Galapagos Conservancy, where one of her main areas of work is the coordination of the Giant Tortoise Restoration Initiative. Dr. Cayot has been the architect of some of the initiatives with the largest success stories in Galapagos conservation.