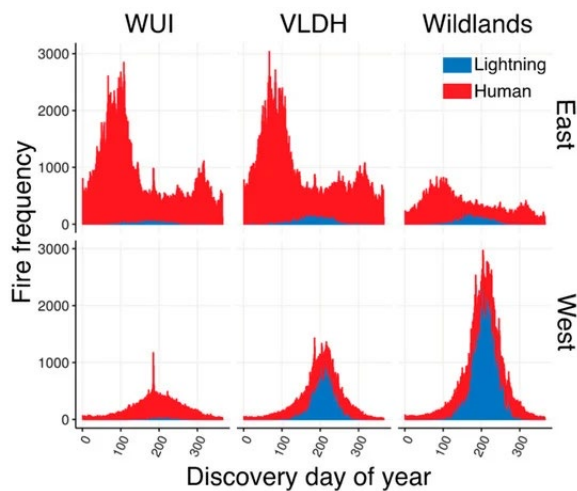


cupc highlights

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media coverage of current events

What's the cause behind most home-threatening wildfires? HUMANS, according to this Earth Lab study "[In the Line of Fire: Consequences of Human-Ignited Wildfires to Homes in the U.S. \(1992–2015\)](#)," published in a special issue of *Fire* last week and featured on the [CIRES website](#). The paper was led by PostDoc Nathan Mietkiewicz, along with Earth Lab team members **Stefan Leyk**, Jennifer Balch, Tania Schoennagel, Lise St. Denis, and Beth Bradley (UMass-Amherst). The figure below shows fire cause in areas characterized as Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI), Very Low-Density Housing (VLDH) and Wildlands.



This past Wed, a COVID-19 press release on the State of Colorado's website featured the current findings of **jimi adams'** modeling team, with the headline "[New modeling data shows plateauing hospitalizations and a slight upward trend in Colorado's infection rate.](#)" This expert group works with the state on modeling projections.

Lori Peek was quoted in this recent *Atlantic* article "[America Is Trapped in a Pandemic Spiral](#)" which makes us wonder if the country is "going round in circles". "*In order for us to mobilize around a social problem, we all have to agree that it's a problem,*" Lori says.

forthcoming and recently published papers

Lori Hunter's coauthored paper [Rural Population Health and Aging: Toward a Multilevel and Multidimensional Research Agenda for the 2020s](#), recently published in *American journal of public health*, calls attention to how new rural



community research in multi-faceted areas is critical in understanding the unique health and aging challenges of rural populations these days, which often goes unnoticed.

~ Well done Lori!

Social Science & Medicine is providing a sneak peek of "[A Gender Framework for Understanding Health Lifestyles](#)" authored by **Stefanie Mollborn** and **Liz Lawrence** (CUPC alum).

invited talks and presentations

And just last week, **Stefanie** presented her research “Health Lifestyles and the Reproduction of Inequalities,” for the Notestein seminar series, which is part of Princeton’s Office of Population Research. Demographers and social scientists from nearby institutions are frequently invited to present their research findings in this series. Check out their [Fall seminar schedule](#).



- **Mon, Sep 21, 12-1pm:** CUPC speaker series is excited to host Econ PhD student **Brian Marein**, who will speak about “[Economic Growth, Public Health, and the First Mortality Transition in the Tropics](#)”.
[Zoom](#) (email ibs-contact@colorado.edu for password)
- **Thur, Sept 24, 8am- 3pm:** [Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences \(IGSS\) 11th annual conference](#), organized by Jason Boardman, will be held virtually on Zoom. This conference showcases behavioral and molecular genetic studies that enhance demographic and social scientific inquiry and integrate genetics and the social sciences. If you or anyone you know would like to attend, please email marisa.seitz@colorado.edu.
- **Thur, Oct 8, 5-6:30pm:** the long awaited [CUPC Jane Menken Distinguished Lecture in Population Studies](#) is almost here, with distinguished guest speaker [Rubén Rumbaut](#), Prof. of Sociology, UC Irvine, who will discuss his captivating research “The Wall: American Nativism, Immigration Policy, and the Great Exclusion of 2017-2020.”
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