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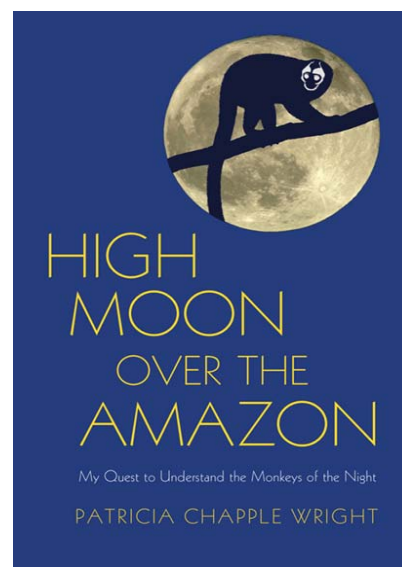
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SEMINAR TITLE:

"Lessons from the
Lemurs: Senescence
in Madagascar".



Professor Wright is an internationally known American primatologist, anthropologist, and conservationist. Considered to be one of the world's foremost experts on lemurs and landscape conservation in Madagascar, she is the founder of the Institute for the Conservation of Tropical Environments (ICTE) and Centre ValBio (CVB). In the late 1980s she spearheaded an integrated conservation and development project that, in 1991, led to the establishment of Ranomafana National Park, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site that encompasses the home of 12 lemur species, some of which are listed among the world's most endangered animals.

Her many honors include a MacArthur Foundation Genius award, the prestigious "Chevalier d' Ordre National" of Madagascar. In 2001, she was one of only seven scientists profiled in *Me & Isaac Newton*, an inspiring film directed by Michael Apted. In 2007, Wright was awarded a "Honoris causa" by the University of Antananarivo as well as a "Distinguished Primatologist" award from the American Society of Primatologists. In 2008 she was awarded the Hauptman-Woodward Pioneer in Science Award. In 2011 she received the Distinguished Alumnae award from Hood College. In 2013 she was elected to the American Philosophical Society and is a AAAS Fellow.

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