Center for Public Service announces inaugural Scholar-in-Residence recipient

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Jordan Karubian, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology at Tulane, is the Center for Public Service's inaugural Scholar-in-Residence. (Photo provided)

The Center for Public Service (CPS) recently announced Jordan Karubian, PhD, as its inaugural Scholar-in-Residence. Karubian is an associate professor in the Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology at Tulane University and a founding member of Fundación para la Conservación de los Andes Tropicales (FCAT), an Ecuadorian nonprofit organization. He held the Kylene and Brad Beers Professorship

in Social Entrepreneurship at Tulane's Phyllis M. Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Design Thinking from 2012 to 2018.

After completing his doctoral work at University of Chicago, Karubian lived in Ecuador for five years developing a successful model for community-engaged participatory research. His efforts have been recognized and supported by the Fulbright Fellowship Program; Ernest A. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Faculty; and the Excellence in Tropical Biology and Conservation Award from the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation. The work has helped to establish a reserve for endangered species and provide significant economic and capacity opportunities for locals, while serving to advance scholarship and provide training for Tulane undergraduate and graduate students.

As the CPS Scholar-in-Residence, Karubian will further his community-engaged research while also supporting the Tulane scholarly community—including faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students, as well as partner agencies— in their work in community engagement. Events and workshops centered on community-engaged and public scholarship will be held throughout the academic year.