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Brian Bertram, noted British zoologist who spent the past four years observing animal behavior on the grasslands of East Africa, will present a free slide/lecture on "Ecology of the African Plains: A Study of the Serengeti Lion" April 15 at 8 p.m. in Lecture Hall Four at The Evergreen State College.

Bertram, subject of a recent half-hour television documentary, holds a doctorate from the University of Cambridge and from 1969 to 1973 was assigned to the Madingly Institute of Animal Behavior, an organization affiliated with Cambridge and located on the Serengeti plains.

He spent most of those four years identifying and closely following the activities of more than 250 lions as they traveled in prides across the grasslands. This enabled him to observe the animals' group behavior, which had gone largely undocumented before Bertram and the work of his predecessor, George B. Shaler, author of The Serengeti Lion.

The youthful zoologist is the son of Doctors Colin and C.J.L. Bertram, members of the 1934-37 British Graham Land Expedition to the Antarctic. The senior Bertrams pioneered work with marine mammals and their son, in addition to his work in Africa, has also completed extensive field work in India studying Myna bird vocalization.

The public talk is presented by the Evergreen Environment study program directed by Faculty Members Larry Eicksteadt and Oscar Soule.

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