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Columbia Climate School Announces First Faculty Hire

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Kristina G. Douglass, an archaeologist and anthropologist who studies the history of human-environment interactions in Madagascar, has been appointed an associate professor of climate at the [Columbia Climate School](#).

Douglass is the first faculty member hired directly into the new climate school. She joins the ranks of Columbia faculty in other centers and departments who are already a part of the school's first-in-the-nation graduate program training the next generation of leaders to combat global warming.

"We are thrilled that Kristina will be joining the climate-school team, bringing her groundbreaking and inclusive research approach on human-environment interactions, environmental justice, and conservation," says the school's founding

dean, [Alex Halliday](#). “Kristina’s work aligns strongly with the climate school’s priority of leveraging interdisciplinary research and education.”

Douglass was recruited to Columbia from Penn State University, where she directed the [Morombe Archaeological Project](#), which works closely with members of indigenous fishing communities in southwest Madagascar to understand how people in the region have altered and been affected by the local ecology over time.



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