

# "Science with a Soundtrack: Eastern Coyotes-Part Wolf, Part Dog, Extremely Adaptable" A Presidential Dream Course Public Lecture by



## Roland Kays, PhD and DJ Senator Jaiz

May 2, 2018 5:00 pm

Dale Hall Tower, 9th floor Community Room

Light refreshments will be provided

In this one-of-a-kind performance, Dr. Roland Kays will present the latest research about coyotes to a soundtrack performed by Senator Jaiz. Dr. Kays will explain how hybridizing with wolves and dogs has allowed these coyotes to rapidly evolve into a larger predator, helping them to fill the ecological niche left open by the local extinction of wolves in the East. Now that they have colonized all our wild areas, coyotes have begun to be seen in urban areas, leading to new questions about their adaptability to city life. Dr. Roland Kays is the head of the Biodiversity Research Lab at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences and a research associate professor in the Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology program at NC State. His research on urban wildlife has been feature in documentaries, the popular press, and his recent book, *Candid Creatures*, features camera trap photographs from a number of researchers. Eban Crawford/Senator Jaiz is part of the Television/Emerging Media Group at NC Museum of Natural Sciences.

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