

ALUMNI ADVENTURES

Explore the world with Carleton College

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Dear Carleton Alumni and Friends,

In just a few months, I will have the pleasure of participating on an Alumni Adventure program to one or the most spectacular landscapes on Earth—Kilimanjaro and the Serengeti. As the tallest free-standing mountain in the world and Africa's highest peak (19,340 feet), Kilimanjaro is renowned for inspiring adventurers and artists alike. The Serengeti, with its vast expanses of grasslands, majestic migrations of herbivores, and the charismatic predators they support, is a premier experience for anyone interested in seeing what ecosystems around the world used to be like before the extinction of large fauna.

As a child growing up with nature documentaries, I marveled at the wildness of Kilimanjaro and the Serengeti. However, like most amazing ecosystems on earth, including coral reefs and redwood forests, I expect that no documentary can do justice to the sheer beauty of this landscape. It's something you have to see to believe—a transformative, life-changing experience. In a world where most landscapes are being impacted by human development, Kilimanjaro and the Serengeti offer the opportunity to experience one of the finest remaining wildernesses of the natural world. It's an opportunity of a lifetime.

I hope that you will be able to join me and Carleton alumnus Eric Simonson on what promises to be an extraordinary adventure.

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