

# THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY PRESENTS

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**Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 6:00pm  
Social Sciences Building Room 107**

***"Twenty-five years of Ethnobotany around the globe -From magic to molecules, conservation and the Nagoya Protocol"***

*Dr. Bussmann earned his M.Sc. (Diploma) in Biology at Universität Tübingen, Germany, in 1993 and his doctorate at Universität Bayreuth, Germany, in 1994. He is an ethnobotanist and vegetation ecologist, and currently Affiliate Scientist at Museo Nacional de Historia Natural in La Paz, Bolivia, and co-director of Saving Knowledge, La Paz, Bolivia, as well as Principal Scientist at the Department of Ethnobotany, Institute of Botany, Iliia State University, both of which which he co-founded. Before retiring from Missouri Botanical Garden, Dr. Bussmann was director of the William L. Brown Center at Missouri Botanical Garden, William L. Brown Curator of Economic Botany, and Senior Curator. Before accepting the directorship of WLBC, he held academic appointments as Research Fellow in Geography and the Environment at University of Texas at Austin from 2006 to 2007, as Associate Professor of Botany and Scientific Director of Harold Lyon Arboretum at University of Hawaii from 2003 to 2006, and as Assistant Professor at University of Bayreuth from 1997 to 2003, following a postdoc at the same institution from 1994 to 1997. He holds affiliate faculty appointments at Washington University St. Louis, USA; University of Missouri St. Louis, USA; Florida Atlantic University Boca Raton, USA; Universidade Federal da Paraíba, Brazil; Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Perú; and at Iliia State University, Republic of Georgia, and serves as external thesis advisor at multiple other universities worldwide. His work focuses on ethnobotanical research, and the preservation of traditional knowledge, in Bolivia, Peru, Madagascar, the Caucasus, and the Himalayas. To date, Dr. Bussmann has authored over 200 papers, over 175 book chapters, and authored or edited over 30 books.*

*Dr. Bussmann is a past President of the Society for Economic Botany and has served as board/council member of the International Society for Ethnopharmacology, Society of Ethnobiology, Botanical Society of America, and International Society of Ethnobiology. See more of his work on his website (<https://www.cejaandina.org/rainer-w-bussmann/>) and download publications from ResearchGate ([https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Rainer\\_Bussmann](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Rainer_Bussmann)).*

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