

Rachel Nuwer, an award-winning journalist and author who regularly contributes to the *New York Times* and *National Geographic*, took students and staff on a journey into the shadowy world of global wildlife trafficking. Illegal wildlife trade now ranks among the largest contraband industries in the world, yet compared to drugs, arms or human trafficking, the wildlife crisis has received scant attention. Instead, it is left up to passionate individuals fighting on the ground to try to ensure many of the world's most beloved species are still around for future generations.

Through powerful investigative reporting that took her to a dozen countries, Nuwer explored the forces currently driving demand for animals and their parts, the toll that demand is exacting on species and communities, and the possible solutions for curtailing the killing. Nuwer lead a discussion about her new book, *Poached: Inside the Dark World of Wildlife Trafficking* - and taught what one can do to help stop illegal wildlife trade. "