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A new generation of researchers follows in the footsteps of primatologist Jane Goodall.



Jane Goodall, right, and Elizabeth Vinson Lonsdorf, a University of Minnesota student.

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Elizabeth Vinson Lonsdorf learned "forest Swahili" on her first trip to Tanzania in the fall of 1998.

She knew how to say "Where are the chimps?" and "Watch out for that snake" before she knew how to ask for directions or shop in a local market.

Lonsdorf, a University of Minnesota doctoral student, spent several months that year observing wild chimpanzees at Gombe National Park and has returned several times to further her studies.

She is one of a new generation of researchers who have traveled to Africa to carry on the work of Jane Goodall, the British-born primatologist known around the world for her discoveries about chimpanzees during four decades spent in Africa.

Lonsdorf appears with Goodall in "Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees," an Omnitheater film that opens at the Science Museum of Minnesota today. The film will be shown on the 90-



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