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Education

- 1983-87 B.S., Symbolic Systems, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.
1991-97 Ph.D., Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley, CA. Thesis: *Ecological interactions among small mammals, large mammals, and vegetation in a tropical savanna of central Kenya*. Advisor: W. Z. Lidicker, Jr.

Selected professional experience

- 2000-2003 Assistant Professor, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY.
2003-2012 Associate Professor, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY.
2012- David & Rosalie Rose Distinguished Chair of the Sciences, Mathematics, and Computing, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY.
2012- Adjunct Scientist, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Millbrook, NY.

Selected awards, fellowships, honors

- 2000 United States Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE)
2005 Featured ecologist, "Profiles of Ecologists" series at the annual Ecological Society of America meeting
2012 David & Rosalie Rose Distinguished Chair in the Sciences, Mathematics, and Computing, Bard College
2016 Visiting Fellow, Planetary Health Alliance, Center for the Environment, Harvard University
2019 Elected Fellow, Ecological Society of America
2020 Darden Lecturer, University of Alabama
2021 Darwin Day Lecturer, University of Oslo
2021 Elected Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science
2022 Recipient, International Cosmos Prize
2023 Guggenheim Fellowship
2024 C. Hart Merriam Award, American Society of Mammalogists, for distinguished research in mammalogy
2025 Elected Fellow, British Ecological Society
2026 Recipient, month-long residency at the Bellagio Center at Lake Como, Italy with support from the Rockefeller Foundation

Selected grants

- 1995 American Society of Mammalogists Grant-in-Aid of Research.
1995 Sigma Xi Grant-in-Aid of Research.
1995 Vice Chancellor's Award for Research, University of California at Berkeley.
1997-98 National Geographic Society. "Small mammals: an unexplored component of savanna ecosystems."
1998-03 National Science Foundation. "Linking dispersal dynamics of white-footed mice to tree seed predation in a patchy landscape." With R. S. Ostfeld and C. D. Canham.
1999-06 National Science Foundation. "CAREER: Investigating biodiversity cascades in an East African savanna".
1999-03 National Institutes of Health. "Forecasting Lyme disease risk: the roles of host dispersal and diversity." With R.S. Ostfeld.
2000-03 National Science Foundation. "Ecology in context: Research strategies and applications for undergraduates." With A.R. Berkowitz, S.E.G. Findlay, and R.S. Ostfeld.

- 2003-07 National Institutes of Health. "Biodiversity, habitat fragmentation, and Lyme disease risk". With R.S. Ostfeld, K. Schmidt, K. LoGiudice, R. Winchcombe, and H. John-Alder.
- 2003-06 National Science Foundation. "Ecology in context: Research strategies and applications for undergraduates." With A.R. Berkowitz, S.E.G. Findlay, and R.S. Ostfeld.
- 2004-05 Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. "Infectious disease ecology: effects of ecosystems on disease and of disease on ecosystems". With R.S. Ostfeld and V. Eviner. Conference support.
- 2004-05 National Science Foundation. "Infectious disease ecology: effects of ecosystems on disease and of disease on ecosystems". With R.S. Ostfeld and V. Eviner. Conference support.
- 2004-05 United States Department of Agriculture. "Infectious disease ecology: effects of ecosystems on disease and of disease on ecosystems". With R.S. Ostfeld and V. Eviner. Conference support.
- 2009-10 National Science Foundation. "DISSERTATION RESEARCH: The effects of removing large herbivores on the ecology of infectious diseases in central Kenya". With R. Dirzo, D. McCauley, and F. Micheli.
- 2006-11 National Science Foundation. "Ecology in context: Research strategies and applications for undergraduates." With A.R. Berkowitz, S.E.G. Findlay, and R.S. Ostfeld.
- 2011-2013 Environmental Protection Agency. "Landscape epidemiology of tick-borne diseases". PI: Ostfeld, with Keesing, Canham.
- 2011-13 University of Illinois. "Tick-borne disease in central Kenya". With B. F. Allan.
- 2008-15 National Science Foundation. "The ecology of *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*: reservoirs, risk, and incidence". PI: Keesing, with R.S. Ostfeld, J. Brunner, M. Tibbetts, K. Schmidt, K. LoGiudice.
- 2011-16 National Science Foundation. "REU: Translational ecology: Research strategies and applications for undergraduates." With A.R. Berkowitz, S.E.G. Findlay, and E. Rosi-Marshall.
- 2012-16 Howard Hughes Medical Institute. "Cultivating scientific literacy: a campus initiative." Program Director, with M. Tibbetts, B. Jude, M. Halsey, and P. Pardi.
- 2013-16 National Science Foundation, "CNH: COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH: An ecological trap for parasites and its impacts on human disease risk, nutrition, and income" PIs: B.F. Allan, F. Keesing, G. Daily, S. Polasky, H. Tallis, R.S. Ostfeld.
- 2014-17 National Science Foundation. "COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH: Ecological consequences of the effects of a zoonotic pathogen on its reservoir host." With R.S. Ostfeld, M. Levy, and D. Brisson.
- 2016-2017 John Drulle MD Memorial Lyme Fund, "Landscape epidemiology of tick-borne diseases," PIs: R.S. Ostfeld, F. Keesing. (\$15,000).
- 2016-2021 Steven and Alexandra Cohen Foundation. "The Tick Project." With R.S. Ostfeld.
- 2020-2021 National Science Foundation. "RAPID: Collaborative Research: Quarantined networks and the spread of COVID-19." Co-PI with M. Junge, N. Eikmeier.
- 2016-2021 National Science Foundation. "REU: Translational ecology: Research strategies and applications for undergraduates." With A.R. Berkowitz, S.E.G. Findlay, and S. LaDeau.
- 2016-2021 National Science Foundation. "The community ecology of viromes: Virome assembly and pathogen transmission in a changing landscape". With R. S. Ostfeld, K. Vandegrift, P. J. Hudson, A. Kapoor, B. Han, L. Kramer, and F. Keesing.
- 2020-2024 National Science Foundation. "OPUS: A synthesis of the effects of biodiversity on plant, animal, and human health." PI.
- 2024-2025 Guggenheim Fellowship.

Publications

* indicates undergraduate student; ** indicates graduate student; *** indicates high school student

As of January 2026, my H index is 55, based on data in Google Scholar. My i10 index is 91. My two most-cited papers, for both of which I am first author, have 2581 and 1981 citations.

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2. **Keesing, F.** 1998. Impacts of ungulates on the demography and diversity of small mammals in central Kenya. *Oecologia* 116:381-389. [Link](#)
3. Ostfeld, R. S., **F. Keesing**, C. G. Jones, C. D. Canham, and G. Lovett. 1998. Integrative ecology and the dynamics of species in oak forests. *Integrative Biology* 1:178-186.
4. **Keesing, F.** and R. S. Ostfeld. 1999. Linking dispersal and population dynamics of white-footed mice to community dynamics in patchy landscapes: a prospectus for research. *Siberian Journal of Ecology*.
5. **Keesing, F.** 2000. Cryptic consumers and the ecology of an African savanna. *BioScience* 50:205-215. [Link](#)
6. Ostfeld, R.S. and **F. Keesing**. 2000. Biodiversity and disease risk: the case of Lyme disease. *Conservation Biology* 14(3): 1-7. [Link](#)
7. Ostfeld, R.S. and **F. Keesing**. 2000. Pulsed resources and generalist consumers. *Trends in Ecology and Evolution* 15: 232-237. [PDF](#)
8. Pusenius, J., R.S. Ostfeld, and **F. Keesing**. 2000. Patch selection and tree seedling predation by resident vs. immigrant meadow voles. *Ecology* 81(11):2951-2956. [Link](#)
9. Ostfeld, R.S. and **F. Keesing**. 2000. The function of biodiversity in the ecology of vector-borne zoonotic diseases. *Canadian Journal of Zoology* 78:2061-2078. [Link](#)
10. *Metz, M. and **F. Keesing**. 2001. Dietary preferences of the pouched mouse, *Saccostomus mearnsi*, and their consequences for savanna vegetation. *Biotropica* 33(1):182-187. [PDF](#)
11. **Keesing, F.** and T. Crawford*. 2001. Impacts of density and large mammals on space use by pouched mice (*Saccostomus mearnsi*) in central Kenya. *Journal of Tropical Ecology* 17(3):465-472. [Link](#)
12. Ostfeld, R.S., E. Schaubert, C.D. Canham, **F. Keesing**, C.G. Jones, and J.O. Wolff. 2001. Effects of acorn production and mouse abundance on abundance and *Borrelia burgdorferi* infection prevalence of nymphal *Ixodes scapularis* ticks. *Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases* 1(1):55-63. [Link](#)
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14. *Shaw, M.T., **F. Keesing** (corresponding author), and R.S. Ostfeld. 2002. Herbivory on *Acacia* seedlings in an African savanna. *Oikos* 98(3): 385-392. [Link](#)
15. Ostfeld, R.S., **F. Keesing**, E.M. Schaubert, and K.A. Schmidt. 2002. The ecological context of infectious disease: diversity, habitat fragmentation, and Lyme disease risk in North America. In: A. Aguirre, R.S. Ostfeld, C.A. House, G. Tabor, and M. Pearl, eds. *Conservation medicine: ecological health in practice*. Oxford University Press; New York.
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17. Ewing, H., K. Hogan, **F. Keesing**, H. Bugmann, A. Berkowitz, L. Gross, J. Oris, and J. Wright. 2003. The role of modeling in undergraduate education. Pages 413-427 in: C.D. Canham and J. Cole, eds., *Models in Ecosystem Science*. Princeton University Press.
18. LoGiudice, K., R.S. Ostfeld, K. Schmidt, and **F. Keesing**. 2003. The ecology of infectious disease: Effects of host diversity and community composition on Lyme disease risk. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 100: 567-571. [Link](#)
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36. **Keesing, F.**, R.S. Ostfeld, V.T. Eviner. 2008. Introduction. Pages 1-5 in *Infectious Disease Ecology: Effects of Ecosystems on Disease and of Disease on Ecosystems*, edited by R.S. Ostfeld, F. Keesing and V.T. Eviner. Princeton University Press. [Link](#)
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41. Ostfeld, R.S., M. Thomas, and **F. Keesing**. 2009. Biodiversity and ecosystem function: perspectives on disease. Pages 209-216 in S. Naeem, D. Bunker, A. Hector, M. Loreau, and C. Perrings, eds. *Biodiversity and Human Impacts*, Oxford University Press.
42. **Keesing, F.** and R. Ostfeld. 2009. Human ecology through the lens of social ecology. *EcoHealth*. Book review. [DOI: 10.1007/s10393-009-0213-5](#)
43. **Keesing, F.**, J. Brunner, M. Killilea, K. LoGiudice, K. Schmidt, H. Vuong, and R.S. Ostfeld. 2009. Hosts as ecological traps for the vector of Lyme disease. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B* 276:3911-3919. [Link](#)
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45. Ogada, D. and **F. Keesing**. 2010. Decline of raptors over a three-year period in Laikipia, Central Kenya. *Journal of Raptor Research* 44 (2), 129-135. [Link](#)
46. **Keesing, F.**, L. Belden, P. Daszak, A. Dobson, D. Harvell, R.D. Holt, P. Hudson, A. Jolles, K. Jones, C. Mitchell, S. Myers, T. Bogich, and R. Ostfeld. 2010. Impacts of biodiversity on the emergence and transmission of infectious diseases. *Nature* 468:647-652. [Link](#)

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50. **Keesing, F.** and R.S. Ostfeld. 2012. Disease ecology. In Ingram, J.C., DeClerck, F., Rumbaitis del Rio, C. (Eds.). *Integrating Ecology and Poverty*. 1st Edition., approx. 450 p. 50 illus., Hardcover, ISBN: 978-1-4419-0632-8. Springer.
51. **Keesing, F.** 2012. What biology education should look like at colleges and universities. Special Report from the Michigan State University *Center for Research in Science and Mathematics Education*. [PDF](#)
52. Ogada, D., **F. Keesing**, and M. Virani. 2012. Dropping dead: causes and consequences of vulture population declines worldwide. *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* 1249(1):57-71. [Link](#)
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61. Ostfeld, R.S. and **F. Keesing**. 2013. Biodiversity and human health. Pages 357-372 in *Encyclopedia of Biodiversity*, edited by S. Levin. Elsevier, New York.
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105. Mowry, S, J Pendleton, **F Keesing**, M Teator, RS Ostfeld. 2022. Estimates of wildlife species richness, occupancy, and habitat preference in a residential landscape in New York State. *Urban Ecosystems*.
106. Ostfeld RS, Adish S, Mowry S, Bremer W, Duerr S, Evans Jr AS, Fischhoff IR, Keating F, Pendleton J, Pfister A, Teator M, and **F. Keesing**. Effects of neighborhood-scale acaricidal treatments on infection prevalence of blacklegged ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*) with three zoonotic pathogens. *Pathogens*. 2023 Jan 21;12(2):172. [Link](#)
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113. **Keesing, F.** and R.S. Ostfeld. 2024. "Emerging patterns in rodent-borne zoonotic diseases." *Science* 385:1305-1310. [Link](#)
114. **Keesing, Felicia**. "Ecosystem restoration and the risk of zoonotic diseases." *One Earth* 8.4 (2025).
115. Mommer, L., Esser, H. J., van den Booren, S., Adelman, J. S., Bever, J. D., de Boer, W. F., **Keesing, F.**, ... & Matson, K. D. (2025). Deconstructing host quality offers insight into disease ecology. *Trends in Ecology & Evolution*.
116. Ostfeld, Richard S., and **Felicia Keesing**. "Ecological and epidemiological consequences of tick-control interventions in residential neighborhoods: A synthesis of The Tick Project." *Transboundary and Emerging Diseases* 2026.1 (2026): 4940832.

Books

- Ostfeld, R. S., Eviner, V. T., & **Keesing, F.**, editors (2010). Infectious disease ecology: effects of ecosystems on disease and of disease on ecosystems.
- **Keesing, F.** *Bats, rats, and rhinos: How nature could prevent the next pandemic*. Princeton University Press. Forthcoming.

Science education, literacy, and pedagogy

- Member, Steering Committee for national conference on *Vision and Change in Undergraduate Biology Education*, organized by the US National Academy of Sciences, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the National Science Foundation in 2009 and 2013. Gave keynote address synthesizing the first conference in 2009. The conference led to an influential [report](#) published in 2011.
- Principal investigator for a project entitled *Cultivating science literacy: a campus initiative*, funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, a five-year initiative to define and implement education for science literacy of college students. Developed resource website for college and university science faculty, <http://scienceliteracy.bard.edu/>.
- Chair, committee on *Citizen Science*, a common course on science literacy for all Bard College students. Lead author, with Dr. Phil Pardi, of curriculum materials for two-week course to develop science literacy for all undergraduates using water as a theme. This curriculum is now used at a variety of institutions for teaching science literacy.
- Member, advisory panel, Princeton University's *Summit on STEM Literacy*. Summer 2021.
- Mentor for undergraduate biology students, including ~90 undergraduate theses. Undergraduate alumni from my lab include faculty at R1 universities and liberal arts colleges, doctors, researchers, teachers, architects, and environmental educators.

Selected conference presentations and working groups since 2010

- 2010 Hersh, M., M. Tibbetts, M. Strauss, R. Ostfeld, and F. Keesing. Assessing reservoir competence of multiple vertebrate hosts for *Babesia microti* using real-time PCR Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases meeting, Ithaca, NY, June 2010.
- 2010 Hersh, M., M. Tibbetts, M. Strauss, R. Ostfeld, and F. Keesing. Assessing reservoir competence of multiple vertebrate hosts for *Babesia microti* and other tick-borne pathogens using real-time PCR. NSF/NIH Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases meeting, Atlantic City, NJ, March 2010.
- 2010 Does variation in host immune function explain differences in reservoir competence among small mammals? M. A. Previtali, R. Hanselmann, R. S. Ostfeld, F. Keesing, A. E. Jolles, and L. B. Martin II. 95th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Pittsburgh, PA. August 2010.
- 2010 Hersh, M., M. Tibbetts, M. Strauss, R. Ostfeld, and F. Keesing. Assessing reservoir competence of multiple vertebrate hosts for *Babesia microti* and other tick-borne pathogens using real-time PCR. 95th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Pittsburgh, PA. August 2010.
- 2010 “Forest fragmentation, biodiversity loss, and Lyme disease risk”, invited panelist at workshop on anthropogenic environmental changes and infectious diseases, Ecological Society of America, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2011 Keesing, F. “Frontiers in conservation medicine”. Invited symposium presentation, 96th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Austin, TX. August 2011.
- 2011 Previtali, A., R. Hanselmann, A. Jolles, L. Martin, F. Keesing, R. Ostfeld. “Effects of host immune strategies on disease risk”. Invited symposium presentation, 96th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Austin, TX. August 2011.
- 2011 Hersh, M., M. Strauss, M. Tibbetts, R. Ostfeld, F. Keesing. “Reservoir hosts for *Babesia microti*”. 96th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Austin, TX. August 2011.
- 2012 Keesing, F. Biodiversity and the emergence of infectious diseases. Invited symposium presentation. *Planet Under Pressure* conference, London, UK.
- 2012-2015 Member, Working group on biodiversity and infectious disease, funded by FRNB and BIODIS, Aix-Marseille, France.
- 2012 Hersh, M.H., M.A. Previtali, S.L. LaDeau, F. Keesing, and R.S. Ostfeld. Effects of variable larval tick burdens on survival of white-footed mice (*Peromyscus leucopus*). 97th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Portland, OR, August 2012.
- 2012 Keesing, F., and R.S. Ostfeld. Disease ecology: new conceptual models to facilitate prediction. 97th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Portland, OR, August 2012.

- 2013 Plenary presentation: T. Levi with F. Keesing, A. M. Kilpatrick, M. Mangel, C. C. Wilmers, R. S. Ostfeld. *Trophic cascades and infectious disease*. American Society of Mammalogists Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2013 Plenary presentation: F. Keesing. *Ecological effects of the loss of large mammals in African savanna ecosystems*. American Society of Mammalogists Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2015 Participant, working group on “Biodiversity, conservation, and disease”, hosted by National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (NESCent), Durham, North Carolina
- 2016 Invited participant, workshop on course-based research experiences. Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Bethesda, Maryland.
- 2017 Invited participant, workshop on undergraduate science education. Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Bethesda, Maryland.
- 2017 Entomological Society of America. Denver, CO. “The Tick Project: Testing environmental interventions to prevent tick-borne diseases in our communities.” Invited symposium presentation.
- 2020 Invited speaker. April 2020. Gordon Conference on bacterial spirochetes in Tuscany, Italy. *Canceled*.
- 2020 Keynote speaker. June 2020. Biodiversity and infectious diseases. Singapore. *Canceled*.
- 2020 Connecticut Land Conservation Council. “Pandemics and biodiversity.” Invited panelist. [virtual]
- 2021 “Pandemics and biodiversity”, *Design and Research for Healthy Communities and Healthcare Facilities*. Invited keynote speaker. [virtual]
- 2021 “Pandemics and biodiversity”, II Simpósio Paranaense de Zoologia, Brazil. [virtual]
- 2021 “Key aspects of the ecology of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases”, 16th International Conference on Lyme Borreliosis and Other Tick-borne Diseases. [virtual Keynote address]

Invited seminars since 2010

- 2010 “Science 2020: a blueprint for science education in the 21st century”. Plenary lecture, Annual Conference on Case Study Teaching in Science. Buffalo, New York.
- 2010 “The Epistemology of Case Studies.” Invited workshop leader for participants at the Annual Conference on Case Study Teaching in Science. Buffalo, New York.
- 2010 “Biodiversity and emerging infectious diseases”. Invited introductory presentation. Working Group on *Biodiversity and Emerging Infectious Diseases*. Diversitas. London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, London.
- 2010 “Biodiversity loss and infectious diseases: a recipe for risk?”. California Academy of Sciences. Invited presentation at conference on “Biodiversity, climate change, and infectious diseases.”
- 2011 “Ecoimmunology and disease risk”. Invited plenary presentation at symposium on “Bridging the gap between ecoimmunology and disease ecology”. Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2011 “What biology education at colleges and universities should look like”. Invited plenary presentation at conference on 21st century biology education, Chicago, IL.
- 2011 “Biodiversity loss and disease: a recipe for risk?”. Invited plenary lecture at meeting of South African Society for Zoology and Parasitology, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2011 “Biodiversity loss and infectious diseases: a recipe for risk?”. Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Woods Hole, MA. October 2011.
- 2012 “Biodiversity loss and infectious diseases”. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. February 2012.
- 2012 “Ecoimmunology and disease ecology”, invited workshop presentation, NSF-RCN, Ann Arbor, Michigan. May 2012.
- 2012 “Biodiversity and disease: a recipe for risk?”, Stazione Zoologica, Naples, Italy. Invited seminar.
- 2013 “Trophic cascades, resource pulses, and biodiversity loss: the ecology of pathogen amplification.” Center for Infectious Disease Dynamics, Pennsylvania State University.
- 2014 “The ecology of Lyme disease risk”, Center for Science and the Public Good, Ursinus College, PA.
- 2014 “Biodiversity and disease risk”, Biology seminar series, Bard College
- 2015 “Integrating wildlife conservation and human livelihoods in central Kenya”, University of California at Santa Cruz.
- 2016 “The ecology of pathogen amplification: the ecology of three tick-borne pathogens”, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2016 “The ecology of infectious disease: a case study of three tick-borne diseases”, Center for the Environment, Harvard University.
- 2016 “Consequences of integrating livestock and wildlife in an African savanna ecosystem”. Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies.

- 2017 “Consequences of integrating livestock and wildlife in an African savanna ecosystem”. Texas A&M University.
- 2017 “Consequences of integrating livestock and wildlife in an African savanna ecosystem”, Bard College Biology Seminar Series.
- 2017 “The ecology of pathogen amplification: the ecology of three tick-borne pathogens”, University of California at Davis.
- 2017 “Consequences of integrating livestock and wildlife in an African savanna ecosystem”, Skidmore College.
- 2018 “The Tick Project”, Bard College Biology Seminar Series.
- 2018 “Integrating livestock and wildlife in an African savanna.” University of South Florida.
- 2019 “Integrating livestock and wildlife in an African savanna.” Indiana University.
- 2019 “Citizen Science: The (re)development of a curriculum.” Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies.
- 2019 “Connecting the dots.” Russell Sage Colleges annual “Women in Science” lecture. April 2019.
- 2019 “The ecology of tick-borne diseases.” Albany Pine Bush Preserve public seminar series. April 2019. Participant, Women in STEM panel discussion. Dutchess Community College, April 2019.
- 2019 “The Tick Project: Testing environmental interventions to prevent tick-borne diseases.” Pennsylvania State University Center for Infectious Disease Dynamics.
- 2019 “Is biodiversity good for our health?” With R.S. Ostfeld. [Big Biology podcast live](#) at the Cary Institute.
- 2020 “The Tick Project.” University of Nebraska seminar series. February 2020. *Canceled due to travel delays.*
- 2020 “Pandemics and biodiversity”, NASA. [virtual]
- 2020 “Pandemics and biodiversity”, Rockland Sierra Club and associated community groups. May 2020.
- 2020 “Universities and responses to covid-19: Public health.” Panel on COVAID initiative organized by the *Open Society University Network* and the *Tallore Network*. Virtual panel member. May 2020.
- 2020 “Preventing pandemics: why biodiversity matters.” Discussion with R.S. Ostfeld and J. Ginsberg.
- 2020 “Pandemics and biodiversity”, University of Alabama Darden Lecture. [virtual]
- 2021 “Evolutionary perspectives on the ecology of infectious diseases.” Keynote speaker, Darwin Day 2021, University of Oslo. [virtual]
- 2021 “Pandemics and biodiversity”, II Simpósio Paranaense de Zoologia, Brazil. [virtual]
- 2021 “Key aspects of the ecology of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases”, 16th International Conference on Lyme Borreliosis and Other Tick-borne Diseases. [virtual Keynote address]
- 2021 “Biodiversity loss fuels pandemics”, presentation for *Biodiversity for a Livable Climate* and aired on WGBH Boston television
- 2021 Panelist, “The origins of COVID-19”, Bard College
- 2021 “Pandemics & biodiversity”, Lifetime Learning Institute, Bard College
- 2021 “How to plan a meaningful summer”, Bard College Biology Seminar Series
- 2021 “Biodiversity and infectious diseases”, Tufts University vet school [virtual]
- 2022 “Vaccination and the future of COVID-19”, American University of Central Asia [virtual]
- 2022 “The Tick Project: Results for participants”, webinar for participants in The Tick Project.
- 2022 “Host quality and tick-borne diseases.” University of Umea, Sweden. [virtual] A seminar given as the external examiner for the thesis of Dr. Nannet Fabri.
- 2022 Panelist, “The arts and climate change”, Earth Day event at Windhorse Farm, Tivoli, NY
- 2022 “Host quality and tick-borne diseases.” University of Umea, Sweden. [virtual] A seminar given by the external examiner for the thesis of Dr. Nannet Fabri.
- 2023 “The value of biodiversity to human health”, 30th anniversary of the International Cosmos Prize. Presentation for The Emperor and Empress of Japan and other distinguished guests.
- 2024 “How biodiversity loss fuels pandemics”, U. of Minnesota guest lecture in public health class. March 2024.
- 2024 “Biodiversity and emerging infectious diseases,” American Museum of Natural History.
- 2024 “Biodiversity and emerging infectious diseases,” seminar at the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.
- 2025 “Improving our prevention of emerging infectious diseases,” keynote presentation at the University of Oslo Center for Pandemic Preparedness.
- 2025 “Biodiversity and emerging infectious diseases,” virtual keynote address to the Japanese Society for Infectious Diseases.
- 2025 “Improving prevention of zoonotic diseases,” plenary presentation at the *American Society of Mammalogists* annual meeting at Purdue University, Indiana.
- 2025 “The Tick Project,” invited plenary presentation at the *Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases* meeting at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana.

- 2025 “Consequences of integrating livestock and wildlife in central Kenya,” seminar at the University of Campinas, Brazil.
- 2025 “Improving our prevention of emerging infectious diseases,” keynote presentation at the annual FAPESP conference in Sao Paolo, Brazil.
- 2026 “Biodiversity and emerging infectious diseases: Principles to guide prevention,” invited keynote address at Washington University School of Public Health. January 2026.

Conferences and symposia organized since 2010

1. “Towards a trait-based disease ecology”. Symposium at the Ecological Society of America, Austin, Texas. August 2011. Co-organized with J. Cronin and C. Webb.
2. “Other tick-borne diseases in the Hudson Valley”, in partnership with the Dutchess County Department of Health. June 2011. Workshop for regional health care providers sponsored by the National Science Foundation.
3. “Other tick-borne diseases in the Hudson Valley”, in partnership with the Dutchess County Department of Health. April 2009. Workshop for regional health care providers sponsored by the National Science Foundation.
4. “Disease in ecosystems: Reciprocal interactions between pathogens and ecosystems” (with R. Ostfeld and V. Eviner), Organized Oral Session, Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, 2005.
5. “Infectious Disease Ecology: Effects of Ecosystems on Disease and of Disease on Ecosystems” (with F. Keesing and V. Eviner), Eleventh Cary Conference, Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Millbrook, New York, 2005.
6. Organizer, Retreat on general education, Mohonk Mountain House. September 2014.
7. Organizer, Lunch series on general education in the sciences, Bard College. September-October 2014
8. Organizer, lunch series on laboratory education, Bard College. Spring 2015.
9. Organizer, retreat on assessment of science courses, Mohonk Mountain House. February 2015.
10. Organizer, Retreat on assessment, Mohonk Mountain House. February 2016.
11. Organizer, Lunch series on course revisions in the sciences, Bard College. Winter 2016.
12. May 2016 – Organizer, retreat on assessment of science courses, Mohonk Mountain House
13. September 2016 – Organizer, Retreat on assessment, Mohonk Mountain House.
14. February 2017 – Organizer, Retreat on scientific teaching, Mohonk Mountain House.
15. June 2017 – Organizer, Retreat on science literacy, Mohonk Mountain House.
16. September 2017 – Organizer, Retreat on science literacy, Mohonk Mountain House.
17. March 2020 -- Moderator and organizer, virtual panel on covid-19. Bard College.
18. February 2022 – Moderator, “Lessons about science literacy from the COVID-19 pandemic”, *American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting 2022*.

Selected Bard College Committee Service since 2010

- 2010-2016 Member, Advisory Board, Citizen Science, Bard College
- 2011-13 Environmental and Urban Studies, Member, Steering Committee
- 2012-13 Chair, Environmental Scientist Search Committee Citizen Science Advisory Committee
- 2012-13 Citizen Science Director Search Committee
- 2014-2015 Member, General Education Review Committee, Bard College
- 2015 Member, Consultative Committee on the Sciences, Smolny College, St. Petersburg State University, Russia
- 2014-2016 Member, Advisory Board, Center for Civic Engagement, Bard College
- 2014 Chair, Search Committee, three tenure-track positions in biology, Bard College
- 2015 Chair, Search Committee, two tenure-track positions in biology, Bard College
- 2013-2015 Chair, Biology program, Bard College
- 2017-19 Member, Sustainability Committee, Bard College
- 2018-19 Member, Steering Committee, Environmental and Urban Studies Program, Bard College
- 2017-18 Chair, working group on Citizen Science, Bard College.
- 2017-20 Chair, Biology program, Bard College
- 2018-20 Member, Presidential Commission on curricular reform, Bard College
- 2019-20 Academic advisor, all incoming first-year students in biology, Bard College.
- 2020 Co-founder, *Ask-an-expert* series on COVID-19 at Bard College
- 2022 Member, Search Committee, Biology Program
- 2023 Member, Faculty Evaluation Review Committee, Bard College

Selected other service since 2010

2015	Liaison, Bard College participation in White House STEM Education Summit
2015	External Evaluator, Biology department at liberal arts college
2015	External Evaluator, Biology department at liberal arts college
2016-17	Author, website: “Cultivating science literacy”. Available at http://scienceliteracy.bard.edu/ .
2016-	Author & designer, website: “The Tick Project”. Available at https://www.tickproject.org/ .
2018	Consultant for exhibit development: <i>Outbreak</i> . Smithsonian Museum of Natural History.
2018	Guest Editor, <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i> .
2018-	Member, Tick Advisory Board, NYS Assemblywoman Didi Barrett
2018-19	Chair, Faculty Consultative Committee, Fulbright University Vietnam.
2019	Member, Grant Review Panel, European Union’s BIODIVERSA, May 2019. Krakow, Poland.
2020-2021	Member, External Faculty Advisory Committee, Fulbright University Vietnam.
2025-	Member, Advisory Board for the University of Oslo’s Center for Pandemic Preparedness
2025-	Member, Advisory Board for the project Restoring Ecosystems to Stop the Threat of (Re) Emerging Infectious Diseases led by the University of Antwerp

Selected media since 2010

- November 2011. Coverage of our vulture research is featured in an article in *Science News* about ecosystem consequences of the loss of predators. Link to story: http://www.sciencenews.org/view/feature/id/335410/title/Lopped_Off
- November 2011. American Museum of Natural History features our research in a new video feature at the museum. Bard College laboratory facilities feature prominently as do Bard research staff and a student, Kira Gilman, Class of 2011.
- March 2012. Guest, “Urban wildlife”, National Public Radio’s *Science Friday* show taped at the American Museum of Natural History.
- April 2012. Germany’s National Public Radio coverage of London conference talk, available at: <http://www.dradio.de/dlf/sendungen/forschak/1740717/>.
- Op-ed column. *Albany Times Union*. “In movies, in labs, a horror story”, by Richard S. Ostfeld and Felicia Keesing. Sunday, November 6, 2011. Available online at: <http://www.timesunion.com/opinion/article/In-movies-in-labs-a-horror-story-2254700.php>
- June 8, 2014. “New study to examine whether mice with Lyme live longer.” Poughkeepsie Journal.
- June 20, 2014. Single tick bite can pack double pathogen punch. Science Daily.
- June 20, 2014. “Ticks packing more than one disease in a single bite.” Discovery News. Written by Richard Farrell.
- June 21, 2014. “Ticks may cause infection with more than one pathogen, study finds.” Daily Digest. No author provided.
- June 22, 2014. “Blacklegged tick bites can hit you hard.” Examiner.com. Written by Harold Mandel.
- June 23, 2014. “Ticks can carry double – or triple – whammy, study says.” NJ.com. Written by [Kathleen O'Brien](#).
- June 25, 2014. “Single tick bite can pack double pathogen punch.” ProHealth.com (from a press release from [Eurekalert](#)).
- September 17, 2014. “Threatened biodiversity and effects on African savannas”. *The Academic Minute*.
- September 18, 2014. “Mammal traits amplify tick-borne illness.” Infection Control Today. Source: Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies.
- September 18, 2014. “Small, fast, and crowded: Mammal traits amplify tick-borne illness.” Science Daily.
- September 19, 2014. “Abundance of small-fast-living mammals increases risk of tick-borne illness.” MedIndia.net. Written by Kathy Jones.
- September 22, 2014. “Mice, shrews are most effective at transferring Lyme disease and anaplasmosis.” News-Medical.net.
- September 23, 2014. “Lyme study highlights why small mammals spread disease.” Poughkeepsie Journal.
- February 5, 2015. “Opossums aren’t nearly as bad as you think.” January/February issue of Sporting Classics Daily.com. No author provided.
- February 18, 2015. “Researcher: Ticks carrying Lyme disease are emerging earlier.” Associated Press.

- February 18, 2015. “Disease-carrying ticks expand range and emerge earlier in warmer climate.” Yale Environment 360. No author provided.
- February 18, 2015. “Study says disease-carrying ticks are emerging earlier.” WAMC.com. Written by Allison Dunne.
- February 18, 2015. “Study warns that ticks with Lyme are emerging earlier in spring.” Poughkeepsie Journal.
- February 18, 2015. “Climate change’s effect on emerging diseases, Lyme disease.” Outbreak News Today. No author provided.
- February 18, 2015. “In a warmer world, ticks that spread disease are arriving earlier, expanding their ranges. Science Daily. Source: Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies.
- February 18, 2015. “In a warmer world, ticks that spread disease are arriving earlier, expanding their ranges.” www.nsf.gov. Source: Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies.
- February 20, 2015. “In a warmer world, ticks that spread disease are arriving earlier, expanding their range.” Environmental Research Web. Source: Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies.
- February 23, 2015. “Tick-borne diseases put us a risk in warming world.” Digital Journal.com. Written by Karen Graham.
- February 27, 2015. “In Northeast, weather changes may mean more ticks, earlier.” U.S. News & World Report. Written by Randy Dotinga.
- March 14, 2015. “Opossums: Where Lyme disease goes to die.” Poughkeepsie Journal.
- March 30, 2015. “Give opossums a break.” National Wildlife. Written Michael Lipske.
- April 5, 2015. “Be careful; ticks could be arriving earlier this spring.” Danbury News Times. Written by Robert Miller.
- April 8, 2015. “In a warmer world, ticks that spread disease are arriving earlier, expanding their ranges.” Poughkeepsie Journal. Associated Press.
- April 27, 2015. “Scientist: Climate warming brings Lyme-carrying ticks out earlier.” TimesUnion.com. Written by Claire Hughes.
- April 27, 2015. “Climate warming is leading to earlier spring feeding by blacklegged ticks.” Infection Control Today. Source: Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies.
- April 27, 2015. “Time to move Lyme disease awareness month to April?” HVNN.com. Posted by Kathy Welsh. Source: Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies.
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