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## **2023-2024 Seminar Series**

123 Huntington Street  
New Haven, CT 06511  
Britton Laboratory, Jones Auditorium

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

### **2023**

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| Wed., September 6, 2023  | Paul Aikpokpodion, Ph.D., Post-doctoral Research Scientist, Dept. of Analytical Chemistry, CAES, “Phytosanitation in Cacao and its Consequences on Food and Environmental Quality”                                   |
| Wed., September 20, 2023 | Christopher Connors, Ph.D., Director of Licensing, Life Science, Technology Commercialization Services, University of Connecticut, “Intellectual Property and Technology Commercialization: Benchtop to Marketplace” |
| Wed., October 4, 2023    | Daniel Gebler, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Ecology and Environmental Protection, Poznan University of Life Sciences, “Ecological Study of Polish Rivers”  |
| Wed., October 18, 2023   | Kirby Stafford, Ph.D., Emeritus Scientist, Dept. of Entomology, CAES, “Birth of An Idea: A History of the First Agricultural Experiment Station”   |
| Wed., November 1, 2023   | Sunil Parikh, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Yale School of Public Health, “Drug-resistance in Malaria - Novel Approaches to Surveillance and Risk Reductions”  |
| Wed., November 8, 2023   | Charles Yarish, Ph.D., Chief Scientist of GreenWave and Professor Emeritus of the University of Connecticut Seaweed Marine Biotechnology Laboratory, “Recent Advances in   |

Seaweed Aquaculture in the USA: From the Farm to Blue Food to Biofuels”

Wed., November 29, 2023

Trevor Sorrells, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Yale University, “Using *Aedes aegypti* to Understand Mosquito Behavior and the Origins of Blood Feeding”

## **2024**

Wed., January 24, 2024

Richard Cowles, Ph.D., Agricultural Scientist, Valley Laboratory, CAES, “Deer Repellents: A Review and New, Effective Options”

Wed., February 7, 2024

Vanessa Ezenwa, Ph.D., Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Yale University, “When Worms and Germs Compete, Who Wins?”

Wed., February 21, 2024

Elena Karlsen-Ayala, Ph.D., Forest Pathologist, United States Forest Service, “Impact of Salt on Ectomycorrhizal Communities in the Florida Pine Rocklands”

Wed., March 6, 2024

Nassifatou Tittikpina, Ph.D., Assistant Agricultural Scientist II, Dept. of Analytical Chemistry, CAES, “Intersecting Regulatory Work and Research Towards Ensuring Food Safety”

Wed., March 20, 2024

Victoria Robinson, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Dept. of Molecular and Cell Biology, University of Connecticut, “The Translational GTPase BipA’s Involvement in Stress Adaptation in Bacteria”

Wed., April 3, 2024

John Shepard, Assistant Agricultural Scientist I, Dept. of Entomology, CAES, “Jamestown Canyon Virus: Understanding the Threat from an Underrecognized Arbovirus”

Wed., April 10, 2024

Hany Dweck, Ph.D., Assistant Agricultural Scientist II, Dept. of Entomology, CAES, “Chemical Ecology of Invasive Crop Pests in Connecticut”

Wed., May 1, 2024

Emily Bick, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Entomology, University of Wisconsin–Madison, “Digital Entomology: the Sensing of Insect Population Dynamics”

Wed., May 15, 2024

Stephen Taerum, Ph.D., Agricultural Post-doctoral Research Scientist, Dept. of Plant Pathology and Ecology, CAES, “Exploring Protists in the Phytobiome”

Wed., May 29, 2024

Jatinder Aulakh, Ph.D., Associate Agricultural Scientist,  
Valley Laboratory, CAES, title to be announced.

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