When Worms® and Germs© Compete, Who Wins®?

Join us for cocktail hour, dinner, science quiz (with prizes!), and a presentation by Yale Professor Vanessa Ezenwa at the

<u>15</u>th Annual Darwin Day Dinner</u>

Saturday, February 11, 2023, 6:00pm

Humans and animals are rarely infected with a single disease -causing organism at any one time; simultaneous infections are the norm. Historically, infectious diseases have been studied one at a time.



Since most hosts are routinely infected by more than one type of parasite, concurrent infection (or co-infection) has emerged as a key challenge for wildlife, veterinary, and human health. Interactions between parasites cooccurring within a single host have profound effects on infection outcomes ranging from disease severity and progression within individual hosts to patterns of disease spread across populations.

Dr. Ezenwa will discuss the study of concurrent infection and how this perspective is providing new insight into the spread and impact of infectious diseases.



Dr. Ezenwa received a B.A. in Biology from Rice University and a PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Princeton University. She held faculty positions at the University of Montana and University of Georgia before moving to Yale in 2021 where she is a Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Her research focuses on the ecology and evolution of infectious diseases in wild animal populations, with a specific focus on linking processes across scales—from cells to ecosystems.

DARWIN DAY is an international celebration of science and humanity

held around Charles Darwin's birthday on February 12. It celebrates the discoveries and life of the man, and expresses gratitude for the enormous benefits that scientific knowledge, acquired through human curiosity and ingenuity, has contributed to the advancement of humanity.

	Date:	Saturday, Feb 11, 2023
5	Time:	6 pm Cocktail Hour, 7 pm Full Course Dinner
	At:	The Inn at Longshore 260 Compo Road South Westport, CT 06880
5 <i>- [</i>]	Price:	\$69 per person \$75 after February 6



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Names of guests	& menu selections				
Amish Rosemary-Lemon Chicken Breast (C)		Scottish Salmon "al la Plancha" (S)	Vegetarian Cavatelli Arrabiatta (V)		
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