

Title: The Ecology and Evolution of Infections and Disease

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The Ecology and Evolution of Infections and Disease (EEID) group at Cornell started in 2009 as a nascent University-wide program of faculty interested in the many different interactions between natural environments, organisms that comprise different ecosystems, and the pathogens and symbionts that infect different plants and animals. Several EEID faculty have maintained collaborations and meet periodically for dinner discussions. In addition an EEID seminar is offered every semester, led by one of the faculty. For this topical lunch, we intend to convene a much broader group of faculty who may or may not be aware of EEID at Cornell. The goal of this topical lunch is to discuss research collaborations for faculty. In addition, we will determine interest and discuss ideas for an NIH training grant proposal that would strengthen and formalize this important cross-disciplinary program at Cornell.