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SEX, DRUGS, AND SUBURBIA: AN AMPHIBIOUS VIEW OF THE ANTHROPOCENE

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During the last two decades awareness of the potential for chemicals in the environment to influence the endocrine systems of animals has skyrocketed. At the same time, techniques to detect such chemicals at low but biologically relevant concentrations have advanced rapidly. In this presentation, David Skelly will talk about research using wild frog populations to probe what is getting into ponds in suburban neighborhoods how it may reshape sexual development of animals living in our backyards.

David K. Skelly is Director of the Peabody Museum of Natural History And Professor of Ecology at the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies at Yale University. Prior to assuming the Museum Directorship he served for five years as Associate Dean for Research in Forestry. He also holds an adjunct appointment in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Dave is a field biologist whose research focuses primarily on the ecology and development of amphibians. He has authored more than 80 papers, and his work on the effects of water pollution on the development of frogs in suburban environments has received wide attention in the national media. Dave has held a Guggenheim Fellowship and is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has been awarded the Forestry School's annual prize for teaching excellence on four occasions. Dave received his B.A. from Middlebury College and Ph.D. in biology from the University of Michigan, and held postdoctoral fellowships at the University of Wollongong, Australia and the University of Washington before joining Yale's faculty in 1996.



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