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Researches community ecology, ecotoxicology, phenotypic plasticity, forest inputs to wetlands, disease ecology, and invasive species

Biography

Rick Relyea earned his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan in 1999, and then spent the next 15 years as a professor at the University of Pittsburgh. There, he also served as the director of the university's field station, The Pymatuning Lab of Ecology. In 2014, he moved his research group to Rensselaer to become the director of the Darrin Fresh Water Institute and of The Jefferson Project at Lake George. In addition to teaching and conducting leading-edge research, Relyea has authored several textbooks in the fields of biology, ecology, and environmental science.

Areas of Expertise

Aquatic Ecosystems?, Global Change, Climate Change, Ecotoxicology, Ecology, Evolution, Animal Behavior, Animal Disease Ecology

Education

University of Michigan

Ph.D. Ecology and Evolution

Texas Tech University

M.S. Wildlife Management

State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry

B.S. Environmental Forest Biology

Accomplishments

Tina and David Bellet Award for Teaching Excellence

2014

Chancellor?s Distinguished Researcher

2005

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