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“The Devil’s Bait: The Chaos of Delusionary Infestations, Where Lives Are Ruined and Occasionally Lost”

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Wednesday, February 6, 2019

12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Food and coffee will be available at 11:45 a.m.

Jones Auditorium
The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT

Delusions of Parasitosis (DP) is a condition where the sufferer becomes fully invested in the idea they are being parasitized. It spans several disciplines from psychiatric, medical, social, environmental, to economic issues. Delusions of Parasitosis cannot be neatly assigned to any one discipline and this makes it a very difficult condition to address. Often the only common denominator in the hunt for answers is the Entomologist. This places an inordinate burden on the Entomologist. It is often “messy,” especially when medical professionals who lack training with the condition contribute to prolonged suffering. The talk will guide you through the world of delusion, underlying undiagnosed illness, and the psychology of DP.