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### **CROP AND SOIL SCIENCES**

Please join us for the second Willie Woltz Seminar of 2020-21 March 24, 2021 – 3:40 PM (Zoom Details to Follow Separately)

## Dr. Serita Frey

will present a seminar entitled

"Going Underground: Unearthing the Role of the Soil Microbiome in a Warmer, Fertilized World."



Professor of Natural Resources and the Environment: University of New Hampshire, College of Life Sciences and Agriculture

### Abstract:

There are an estimated nonillion (1030) microbes on the planet and these organisms play a critical role in planetary health, including the composition of the Earth's atmosphere. This presentation will take you belowground to explore the microorganisms beneath our feet, the role they play in the Earth's carbon cycle, and how global change, particularly soil warming and nitrogen enrichment, is altering the soil microbiome.

#### **Biography:**

Dr. Serita Frey is a Professor in the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment at the University of New Hampshire. Her lab's research focuses on how human activities are impacting terrestrial ecosystems and the composition and diversity of soil microbial communities involved with the carbon and nitrogen cycles.

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