

**Subject:** RE: Scientific American journalist request

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Hi Richard,

I promised to connect you with some of the program area leads with the Genetic Biocontrol of Invasive Rodent's partnership.

I've cc's the following folks here so that you can reach out to them directly.

Dr. David Threadgill (TA&M, native gene drive t-complex mouse construct development)

Dr. Paul Thomas (U. of Adelaide, CRISPR gene drive mouse construct development)

Dr. John Godwin & Dr. Fred Gould (NCSU, invasive mouse mate choice/reproductive fitness & modeling)

Dr. Peter Brown (CSIRO, ecological risk assessments)

Royden Saah (GBIRD coordinator, Island Conservation)

Dr. Karl Campbell (Island Conservation, GBIRD Program Director & Island Selection Criteria)

Please let us know how we can be of further assistance with your story.

Best,

**Heath Packard**

Director of Marketing & Communications

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**From:** Richard Conniff [mailto:richard.conniff@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 10:18 AM

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Let's try Monday at 11:30 a.m. your time, 2:30 mine. You can phone me at the number below, or I

can try your cell.

Best wishes,

Richard Conniff  
860 434 0150

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On Fri, Mar 10, 2017 at 12:23 PM, Heath Packard <[heath.packard@islandconservation.org](mailto:heath.packard@islandconservation.org)> wrote:

Hi Richard,

Great to hear from you and thank you for your interest.

I'd be happy to do a background interview with you on Monday if you can give me some times that will work for you. I'll be on Pacific Daylight Time at that point.

I serve as the program coordinator for the Genetic Biocontrol of Invasive Rodents partnership and can give you a solid overview and then work with you to identify who you'd like to interview for your story. So, you've come to the right place!

Here are a couple of background pieces for your review in the meantime.

<https://www.islandconservation.org/release-investigating-suitability-genetic-biocontrol-invasive-rodents-islands/>

<https://www.islandconservation.org/mice-conservationists/>

Best,

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**From:** Jonathan Steinberg

**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 7:59 AM

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**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 7:53 AM

**To:** Jonathan Steinberg

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Press/Communications Office:

I'm looking into the possibility of a piece for Scientific American, where I am a frequent contributor, about synthetic biodiversity conservation, and I'd like to have a preliminary conversation either with Karen Poiani or with a member of the science team involved in the house mouse project

I'm around today, or could do a phone or skype conversation early next week.

Short bio note below by way of introduction.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

Richard Conniff  
[860 434 0150](tel:8604340150)

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Richard Conniff's latest book is  
*House of Lost Worlds: Dinosaurs, Dynasties, and The Story of Life on Earth* (Yale 2016).

He

is

a National Magazine Award-winning writer for *Smithsonian*, *The Atlantic*, *National Geographic*, and other publications, and a past

Guggenheim Fellow

. His other books include *The Species Seekers: Heroes, Fools, and the Mad Pursuit of Life on Earth* (Norton, 2010), *Swimming with Piranhas at Feeding Time: My Life Doing Dumb Stuff with Animals* (Norton, 2009), *The Natural History of the Rich: A Field Guide* (Norton, 2002) and *The Ape in the Corner Office: How to Make Friends, Win Fights and Work Smarter by Understanding Human Nature* (Crown, 200). He has been a frequent

commentator on NPR's *Marketplace*, and is a contributing opinion writer for *The New York Times*. He has written and presented television shows for the National Geographic Channel, TBS, and the BBC, among others.