


August 3, 2022

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D'Alleva, Ph.D. 
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Appointment of Assistant Professor Karolina Heyduk to the Rosalind Chair in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Assistant Professor Karolina Heyduk to the Rosalind Chair in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

BACKGROUND:

The Rosalind Chair (originally and formerly the Titania Chair) was established in September 2019. The endowment name change from Titania to Rosalind was requested and approved under a separate action item for the Board of Trustees on the date of December 9, 2020.

The Chair will be a nationally or internationally recognized researcher, scholar and teacher who will have made significant contributions in the field of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Karolina Heyduk will be joining the Department on January 1, 2023 and is honored to serve as the inaugural Chair for a three-year term ending on December 31, 2025. As the Rosalind Chair, Professor Heyduk will continue to seek answers to fundamental and applied questions in biology. Her work integrating comparative physiology, anatomy, genomics, and ecophysiology will contribute to the vitality of academic life for her faculty colleagues and our undergraduate and graduate students. Her study of plant diversification and adaptation to our changing climate is timely and will inform the broader general population of our state and the nation.

Professor Heyduk will join the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UConn in January 2023, as a tenure-track Assistant Professor, having been selected for this honor by a committee of five Ecology and Evolutionary faculty members as part of an international search. No additional funding, support or investment is necessary in order to fulfill the terms of this appointment.