



## **DR. JARED WESTBROOK**

### **The Multi-century Effort to Restore the American Chestnut tree**

After people introduced chestnut blight into the U.S. last century, populations of American chestnut declined 90% and have essentially ceased to reproduce. For 37 years, the American Chestnut Foundation and collaborators have enhanced the blight resistance of American chestnut populations through a combination of

**Fall 2021 PSLA**

**LECTURE**

**SERIES**

**October 4, 2021**

**Seminar takes place  
live via [UMD Zoom](#)**

**Time:**

**12PM**

**Graduate student  
lunch w/ speaker**

**1PM**

**PLSC RM 2107/2109**

Dr. Jared Westbrook completed his Ph.D. in Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology at the University of Florida in 2014. He started at TACF in 2015 and became Director of Science for the organization in 2017. His primary research focus at TACF has been to apply genomics to all aspects of chestnut restoration.



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