

# *Café Scientifique Orlando*

Wednesday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm  
at Stardust Video and Coffee  
1842 E Winter Park Rd, north of Corrine

## **‘Invasion! Our War on Weeds’**

Effects of non-native species are a great hazard to global biodiversity, second only to habitat destruction. The USA spends \$120 billion a year on direct costs from non-indigenous species, and Florida is one of the most invaded states, with significant resources spent on nonnative control and eradication. Dr. Von Holle will first enumerate methods of preventing, eradicating, and controlling nonnative species, then discuss the historical approach that Florida has used, and finally suggest a way forward.

The presenter, Dr. Betsy Von Holle, studies the interaction of nonnative species and ecologies, especially ecological resistance, the impact of land use history, community structure, and disturbance and restoration ecology. She is an Assistant Professor at UCF.

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