

PENNSYLVANIA VECTOR CONTROL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Graduate State College
October 19-21, 2026

Agenda

Monday, October 19, 2026

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Registration**

1:00 p.m. - 1:10 p.m. **Welcome/Opening Remarks**
Ray Buckley, PVCA President

Session 1

Moderator: Chris Hooper

1:10 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. **Pollinator Presentation and
Personal Experience with a Tick Bite**
Dr. Jamie Kopco, Penn State

1:40 p.m. - 1:55 p.m. **Personal Testimony - Tickborne Illness**
Denny Keen, PA DEP

1:55 p.m. - 2:25 p.m. **Journey with Lyme Disease**
Harold (TJ) Coder

2:25 p.m. - 2:40 p.m. **Presentation Title TBD**
Dr. Erika Machtinger, Penn State University

2:40 p.m. - 2:55 p.m. **Time for Additional Presentations**

2:55 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. **Break**

Session 2

Moderator: Dr. Tom Simmons

3:20 p.m. - 3:40 p.m. **Novel Babesia in Bat Ticks**
Jim Occi

3:40 p.m. - 3:55 p.m. **Aedes albopictus invasion dynamics in PA**
Ann Safo

3:55 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Time for Additional Presentations**

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Vendor Presentations**

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**
Ray Buckley, PVCA President

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Vendor Social**

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet Available**

8:30 a.m. - 8:35 a.m. **Introduction**
Ray Buckley, PVCA President

Session 3

Moderator: Andy Heydt

8:35 a.m. - 9:35 a.m. **Presentation Title TBD**
Claudia Riegel, Gulf South Vector

9:35 a.m. - 9:55 a.m. **2026 Black Fly Program Update**
Steve Means or Other Black Fly Program Rep., PA DEP

9:55 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. **2026 WNV Program Update**
Jen Stough, PA DEP

10:10 a.m. - 10:25 a.m. **2026 Tick Program Update**
Christian Boyer, PA DEP

10:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. **Break**

Session 4

Moderator: Ray Buckley

10:40 a.m. - 10:55 a.m. **Vector Management Lab Update**
Dr. Keith Price, PA DEP

10:55 a.m. - 11:10 a.m. **AMCA Update**
Pricilla Matton, AMCA North Atlantic Director

11:10 a.m. - 11:25 a.m. **New Jersey Update**
Scott Crans or Michael Hoban, NJDEP Office of Mosquito Control
Coordination

11:25 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. **2026 Human Arbovirus Season Update for Pennsylvania**
Krystal Mason, PA Department of Health

11:40 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. **Department of Health Updates on Tickborne Diseases**
Leah Lind, PA Department of Health

11:55 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. **Time for Additional Presentations**

12:05 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch and Photo Salon/Awards**

Session 5

Moderator: Ray Delaney

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Urban Rodent Infestations, Health Risks, Rodenticide Resistance, and Control Methods**

Dr. Changlu Wang, Department of Entomology,
Rutgers University

2:00 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. **Update on Mosquito Research at UMD**

Megan Fritz, University of Maryland

2:20 p.m. - 2:40 p.m. **Student Award Winner Presentation #1**

Speaker and Presentation Title TBD

2:40 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. **Time for Additional Presentations**

2:50 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. **Break**

Session 6

Moderator: Lauren Holder

3:20 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. **White-Nose Syndrome - Bats**

Greg Turner, Pennsylvania Game Commission

3:50 p.m. - 4:40 p.m. **Time for Additional Presentations**

4:40 p.m. - 5:10 p.m. **Vendor Presentations**

5:10 p.m. **Adjourn**

Ray Buckley, PVCA President

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet Available**

8:30 a.m. - 8:35 a.m. **Introduction**
Ray Buckley, PVCA President

Session 7

Moderator: Dr. Jamie Kopco

8:35 a.m. - 9:05 a.m. **Tick-Borne Pathogens and Microbiomes in Huntingdon County**
Dr. Regina Lamendella, Professor of Biology, Juniata College

9:05 a.m. - 9:35 a.m. **Gravid Trap Presentation**
Drew Lysaker, Penn State University

9:35 a.m. - 10:05 a.m. **Temperature as a Driver of West Nile Virus**
Mark Baker, Monmouth County Mosquito Control

10:05 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. **Time for Additional Presentations**

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. **Break/Checkout**

Session 8

Moderator: Brooke Coder

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **Time for Additional Presentations**

11:15 a.m. - 11:35 a.m. **Student Award Winner Presentation #2**
Speaker and Presentation Title TBD

11:35 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Business Meeting/Door Prizes**
Ray Buckley, PVCA President

12:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Ray Buckley, PVCA President