Class Expectations

* A little bit more about myself.
* Everyone says one or two things in class. This should be easy because you wrote a long response.
* Set up discussion schedule.
* Discussion is for discussion, not for monologues or lecturing. Discussion leaders are supposed to lead discussion, not teach a class. This can get tricky, so come prepared!
* My office hours: Friday 12-2, right before Friday discussion.
* My teaching philosophy in a graduate course like this is to get out of the way of you learning. The goal here is for you to get your feet wet in some of the basic models and principles in ecology, and also become conversant about a variety of topics in ecology, including modeling and basic frameworks like competition theory, population regulation, predator-prey models, R\* theory, community assembly theory, basic disease models, and things like this. I work a lot with R and R markdown.
* I don’t accept late papers unless you ask for permission and explain why.
* The problem of having almost triple the students this year.
* My difficulty in remembering names.
* Is everyone using the newest version of the lab?
* Canvas.

What I want to say about the papers today:

Futuyma:

* A 1997 address to naturalists.
* Futuyma was actually the chair of EEB for a year or two. I don’t think he was liked by everyone. Apparently when he came to talk no faculty wanted to talk to him.

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