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Rubenstein's research takes an integrative approach to understand why complex animal societies form and how organisms cope with environmental change through studies that combine behavior, ecology, and evolution with those of the underlying molecular, neural, and neuroendocrine mechanisms. He has studied a variety of animals, including reptiles, mammals, birds, crustaceans, and insects on every continent except Antarctica. His research, funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, National Science Foundation, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, National Geographic Society, Australian Research Council, Natural Environment Research Council, and others, has been featured in hundreds of media outlets ranging from *The New York Times* and *CNN* to *ESPN* and *The Onion*. Rubenstein is the author of nearly 150 publications and the market-leading textbook *Animal Behavior*, as well as co-editor of the book *Comparative Social Evolution*. As an innovative leader in undergraduate education, Rubenstein led the creation of the Program in Tropical Biology and Sustainability, a semester-long study abroad program in Africa, and the sTEAM Fellows Program, a team-based interdisciplinary summer research program for first year students from underrepresented groups. He is also the youngest faculty member to lecture in *Frontiers of Science*, part of Columbia College's undergraduate Core Curriculum. In recognition of his research accomplishments, Rubenstein has received awards from the Animal Behavior Society, the American Ornithologists' Union, the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology, and the University of Michigan. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a Fellow of the American Ornithological Society, and has been recognized by the National Academy of Sciences as both a Kavli Fellow for his research accomplishments and as an Education Fellow in the Sciences for his innovation in STEM teaching. He has also been recognized by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Honor Society, as a Distinguished Lecturer. Finally, Rubenstein has been acknowledged for his teaching, scholarship, and mentoring by Columbia University with a Lenfest Distinguished Faculty Award and as a Provost's Senior Faculty Teaching Scholar, as well as by the Society of Columbia Graduates with a Great Teacher Award.