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**Bio:** Matthew Willmann received his undergraduate degree in General Plant Science from Cornell University and his Ph.D. in Genetics from Harvard University. After postdocs at the University of Pennsylvania, Matthew returned to Cornell as Director of the CALS Plant Transformation Facility (PTF). PTF is a service facility that makes transgenic and CRISPR/Cas9 genome-edited plants for Cornell faculty and external users. The facility also conducts research to improve plant transformation and genome-editing methods. Matthew is a member of the Advisory Board for the Cornell Alliance for Science, an organization that supports and promotes the use of plant biotechnology, and the editorial board of *The CRISPR Journal* and will be an Associate Editor of the upcoming journal *Frontiers in Gene Editing*. In an attempt to increase the acceptance of plant biotechnology, Matthew has given many talks for the public about how transgenic and genome-edited plants are made. Recently, he has focused on leading science and science communication workshops around the world that focus on genome editing.