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Dr. Eli Knapp teaches courses in Human Ecology, Wildlife Behavior, Conservation Biology, and Swahili at Houghton College, in New York, and in Tanzania, East Africa, where he directs the Houghton-in Tanzania Study Abroad Semester Program every spring. His interests lie in the interactions between humans and the environment, especially around protected areas. Eli has studied human-environment relationships most extensively in East Africa and lived in Serengeti National Park, in Tanzania, for three years. While there, he endured daily torment from the resident baboons who, at various times, entered his car and house, helping themselves to solar shower, cereal, Cheetos, and Tortilla chips. He's exacted revenge on several occasions, drenching them with water from large mud puddles as he drives past, and putting stale flour outside his house. Through rigorous scientific study, he's discovered that upon eating flour, baboons go into asthmatic fits and sneeze for several hours. When Eli's not battling baboons, he enjoys teaching his son about birds, trying to make his daughter smile, and kayaking.