

CV - Kim VanderWaal

Kim VanderWaal is an associate professor at the University of Minnesota, where she has worked on viral diseases of swine for the past 10 years. Her research focuses on viral evolution, molecular epidemiology, and the dynamics of pathogen spread through animal populations. She currently chairs the International PRRSV-2 Nomenclature Consortium for the ongoing classification of genetic diversity globally, and she also maintains the finer-scale variant classification system utilized in North America. Her lab has been instrumental in the adoption of lineage and variant based nomenclature for describing the genetic diversity of PRRS in the U.S., and how that diversity has shifted across time.