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Seminar Calendar

ALL REOCCURRING SEMINARS ARE FINISHED FOR THE SUMMER. THE FALL SCHEDULE WILL RESUME HERE WHEN SCHEDULES ARE FINALIZED.

Announcements

BMB grad students, don't miss Tuesday's (June 22) "**student pizza talks.**" This week's presenter will be Bianca Serda from the Sharkey lab. Breakout rooms are working again, so you will have an opportunity to say hello to some of the new students joining for the first time, or catch up with old friends. Email Jessica (jesslaw@msu.edu) for the Zoom info.

Data Ethics in Research Seminar Series - Pervasive Data, Elusive Trust: Rethinking Data Ethics for Researchers. Thursday July 8 from noon - 1pm. This talk will review problems of trustworthiness in pervasive data research and draw from the history of another research methodology that has struggled with trustworthiness – ethnography – to suggest a way forward: analytic lenses and researcher practices necessary for establishing trustworthy data science. Register or find more information [here](#).

Two MMG Topics Seminars are being offered this Fall:

-MMG 991 sec. 002; 1 credit; Topic: Opportunistic pathogens. In this one credit graduate seminar, students will explore the concept of opportunistic pathogens from the point of view of ecology, evolution, genomics, and virulence. Faculty: Dr. Ned Walker.

-MMG 991 sec. 003; 1 credit; Topic: Evolutionary Game Theory with Applications. In this one credit graduate seminar, students will explore evolutionary game theory, and how that theory can explain behavior in microbes, animals, and people. Appropriate for graduate students in life sciences as well as psychology or computational fields. Faculty: Dr. Christoph Adami.

If you have unused funds in your **2020 plan year Health Care FSA**, the deadline to use these funds on eligible expenses and submit receipts is June 30, 2021. This deadline is for 2020 plan year Health Care FSA funds only. As a reminder, deadlines for the 2020 plan year were extended due to the Consolidated Appropriations Act implemented by the federal government to assist during the COVID-19 emergency.

Are You Procrastinating? Learn How to Increase Motivation and Take Action. Whether your procrastination is the result of perfectionism, negative thought patterns, or even boredom, there are easy changes you can make to increase motivation and complete high-quality work without missing deadlines. Learn more [here](#) (now!).

Noteworthy News



Join me in congratulating Beronda Montgomery, who has been appointed a Fellow of the American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB).

ASPB is a professional scientific society, headquartered in Rockville, MD, that is devoted to the advancement of the plant sciences worldwide. With a membership of some 3,000 plant scientists from throughout the United States and around the world, the Society publishes two of the most widely cited plant science journals, *The Plant Cell* and *Plant Physiology*, and co-publishes the Open Access journal *Plant Direct*.

Read more [here](#).

SPARTANS WILL.

BMB student Kate Wierenga (Committee members Pestka, Jones, Lunt, LaPres and Busik) will be presenting her Doctoral Dissertation Defense titled “OMEGA-3 FATTY ACID SUPPRESSION OF SILICA-INDUCED INFLAMMATION AND AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE” Thursday June 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Join Zoom meeting [here](#). Email Jessica (jesslaw@msu.edu) for the password.

Inclusive Mentoring Workshop Thursday August 12th, from 1:00 to 2:30 (1h active learning and 30 min questions). Facilitated by Dr. Amber Benton Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Michigan State University College of Natural Science. Register using [this link](#) by July 16th at 5:00 pm and indicate whether you plan to attend in person or virtually. You can also use the registration form to ask questions.

Are you wondering about the post-pandemic, post-doctorate job market? Thinking about a variety of careers once you are done with your postdoc? The NPA will be hosting a free web-based discussion on **careers in higher education administration**, Wednesday, June 30, from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ET. Learn more and register [here](#).

New and returning graduate students, save the date for the **Graduate School Welcome and Resource Fair**-Saturday, August 28, 2021 - 9:00am to 4:00pm. This year will provide a hybrid virtual and in-person event. Learn more [here](#).

The **2021 Mid-Michigan Symposium for Undergraduate Research Experiences (Mid-SURE)** will take place on Wednesday, July 28 hosted on the virtual platform Symposium by ForagerOne. [Registration](#) for the forum is now open and will close on Monday, June 21st at 11:59 PM. Find more information about [here](#).

Recent Publications

Hermanas TM, Subramanian S, Dann CE, Stewart GC. “Spore-Associated Proteins Involved in c-di-GMP Synthesis and Degradation of Bacillus anthracis.” *Journal of Bacteriology*. June 2021