



## Seminar Calendar

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**Thursday, September 2**

**[BMB Seminar Series](#)**

Emily Balskus, Harvard University

“Deciphering the human microbiota using chemistry”

11:00 AM

Email Ashley ([clarkas@msu.edu](mailto:clarkas@msu.edu)) for the Zoom link

## Announcements

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All faculty, staff and students are required to **complete the COVID-19 vaccination status** form by Tuesday, Aug. 31, even if they previously completed the university's vaccine survey. [Read more.](#)

An email was sent to faculty and academic staff regarding **vaccine and mask mandates and classroom management questions**. In case you missed it, we have posted the information on the BMB website [here](#).

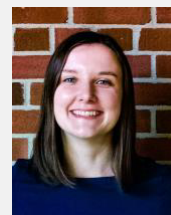
**Face coverings required indoors** at Spartan Stadium includes, but is not limited to, the concourse of Spartan Stadium, restrooms, elevators, indoor suite and club areas and the press box. Face coverings will not be required but are encouraged in the outdoor seating bowl of Spartan Stadium. [Read more](#)

**BMB undergrads who are willing to help tutor students** in their BMB undergrad courses (ex. BMB 401, 461, and 462) should email Mary ([villar30@msu.edu](mailto:villar30@msu.edu)) and let her know how you would like to be contacted (phone / email), which of the three courses listed above that you'd be able to help with and if you charge a specific rate or if you want to keep in negotiable.

**STEM Ambassadors Program (STEMAP)** is recruiting MSU participants for a 4-month science communication and outreach training program, focused on sharing science in non-traditional learning venues. Through workshops, peer-learning, and one-on-one mentoring, participants will learn how to identify and engage partners, communicate their science effectively to public audiences, and design and implement public engagement events. Faculty, research staff, post-docs and graduate students are encouraged to apply. [Learn more.](#)

**The MSU Postdoc Association's Annual Picnic** is this Saturday 8/28 from 12-3PM at Lake Lansing Park North. Join us for this family friendly event to hang out, meet new people, play games, and eat food before the start of a new semester. RSVP [here](#).

## Noteworthy News



Join me in congratulating Hannah Parks, BMB PhD student in Cornelius Barry's lab (Department of Horticulture), on receiving a Best Presentation Award at the Phytochemical Society of North America annual meeting.

Hannah presented her project “Expanding the tropane alkaloid metabolic network: Metabolite discovery in *Atropa belladonna*.”

Read more [here](#).

**SPARTANS WILL.**

As COVID-19 restrictions lift, many people are finding themselves getting called back to in-person work environments after a long time in remote settings. To **help those grappling with anxiety and uncertainty** surrounding this return to normal, Angela Hall, an associate professor in the School of Human Resources and Labor Relations offers tips for making the transition as smooth and stress free as possible. [Listen or read.](#)

The [PEER: Promoting Education & Emotional Resilience](#) is open for registration. The PEER Program was designed for students with mental health conditions in mind and seeks to empower students to learn about their mental health, develop positive coping skills, and successfully maneuver barriers they face. This 6-week workshop will help students develop resiliency skills utilizing techniques derived from evidenced based practices. Sign up [here](#).

**The COGS Fall Welcome Celebration** is Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Benefactors Plaza (behind Chittenden Hall) on MSU's campus. Free parking is available in the Grand River Ramp (ramp 6). All graduate and professional students, friends and families are welcome to join us. For more event details, visit the [COGS](#) website.

Job / internship postings:

Robert Last's lab is **hiring 2 undergraduate student lab assistants** to primarily do plant care and basic lab tasks. They like to hire freshmen or sophomores in the hopes that they will remain in the lab for a few years, but are open to hiring juniors if needed. Email Sara ([bolessar@msu.edu](mailto:bolessar@msu.edu)) for details.