Seminar Calendar

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**  
**Microbiology & Molecular Genetics Work in Progress Seminars**  
Jonathan Kaletka (Hardy lab) “The Role of Extracellular Vesicles during *Listeria monocytogenes* Placental Infection”  
Justin Lee (Hardy lab) “*Listeria monocytogenes* Infection During Pregnancy Alters Gene Expression in the Fetal Mouse Brain”  
Noon  
Email Rob (abramov5@msu.edu) for the Zoom link and password

**Molecular Plant Science Seminars**  
Yinong Yang – Penn State  
“Improving CRISPR/Cas genome editing for precision breeding and disease management”  
4:00  
Zoom Meeting Link: [msu.zoom.us/j/95996313892](https://msu.zoom.us/j/95996313892)

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**  
**The Exchange** – BMB graduate students and students working in BMB laboratories are invited to a discussion of science and the conduct of science.  
“Journal Club on Dr. Kim Seed (UC Berkeley)”  
8:00 AM

**PRL Tuesday Noon Seminars**  
Mauricio Tejera (Walker lab)  
“Drought effects on source-sink balance”  
Noon  
Zoom Meeting Link: [msu.zoom.us/j/96867611746](https://msu.zoom.us/j/96867611746)

**Resilience Institute Seminar**  
Anna O’Brien from the University of Toronto  
“Plant-microbiome interactions under stress: ecological and evolutionary consequences”  
1:00  
Email Acer VanWallendael ([vanwaax07@gmail.com](mailto:vanwaax07@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1**  
**BMB Seminar Series**  
Kim Seed, UC Berkeley  
“Battling phages: how epidemic *Vibrio cholerae* defends against viral attack”  
11:00 AM

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**Noteworthy News**

BMB appreciates their postdoctoral scholars!  
Postdocs play a key role in the success of research and discovery at MSU and BMB wants to express their appreciation for the tremendous work and contributions they make to the department.  
“BMB thanks all the postdocs and research associates for their great contributions to advancing research,” said Erich Grotewold, chair of the Department of BMB...  
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**Spartans Will.**
Email Ashley (clarkas@msu.edu) for the Zoom link

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**Plant Biology Seminar Series**
Robin Buell and Berkley Walker – MSU Department of Plant Biology
3:30 PM
Email Chasidy (perezch2@msu.edu) for the Zoom link

**Announcements**

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Caitlyn (VanGelderen) Herr, a BMB graduate student who worked in the Hausinger laboratory. Bob notes she was a gifted researcher and a source of joy in the group; she will be missed greatly. An obituary provides a site for sending expressions of sympathy to the family, suggestions for contributions, and information about a funeral service. The department will be sending a sympathy card including notes from students, staff, and faculty (please email them to David Arnosti arnosti@msu.edu).

Registration (free) is now open for the Michigan Regional Postdoc Symposium, that takes place online Wednesday-Friday, October 7th-9th, 2020. Activities include posters, research talks and career development workshops. This year’s speaker is Shannon Burton, PhD, MSU Ombudsperson, speaking on the “Art of Negotiations”.

MSU Monthly Postdoc Orientations occur on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and are presented by the OPA director, Dr. Aaron Reifler. These sessions will be helpful for new and established postdocs. Registration link here.
Questions? Email Dr. Reifler: reiflera@msu.edu (you can also schedule time to meet/chat with Dr. Reifler here)

**Recent Publications**


