

## BIOL 4960: COLLOQUIUM, SPRING 2018

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Biology Colloquium is an annual scientific symposium that exposes students to selected topics introduced by different speakers invited from inside and outside our department.

### GRADING

Biology colloquium is a CR/NC course. Grades in the course will be determined on the basis of attendance and participation, using the iClicker voting system. Votes will be submitted by students using an iClicker remote (any style). Mobile devices may not be used to submit votes (in part, because connectivity is still sketchy in classrooms on campus).

Each class period, students will listen to the speaker. Notetaking using pen and paper is allowed, but mobile devices and computers are not allowed (these should be stowed and not accessible). Students are encouraged to ask questions at the conclusion of the presentation. In the last few minutes of the class period, I will display a multiple choice or true/false question for students to answer, using the iClicker system. Once voting is complete, I will reveal the correct answer.

Students can earn up to 5 points each day: 2 points for attendance, and 3 points for answering the question correctly. As I will not be posting iClicker points on Blackboard, students are strongly encouraged to keep track of their points using the column in the presentation schedule below. Students will receive a CR grade if they earn at least **42/60** points; students who earn fewer than 42/60 points will earn a NC grade (notice that the 2 points available on Introduction Day are considered 'extra credit', so students actually have the opportunity to earn 62 points).

Students who attempt to submit iClicker votes for others, have someone attempt to submit a vote for them, or who commit similar dishonest acts will receive a NC grade and their name will be submitted to the Office of Judicial Affairs. There will be no exceptions to this grading policy.

### AUDIENCE EXPECTATIONS

Colloquium speakers participate on a voluntary basis; they are interested in biology and they want to share their interest with you. Since these speakers are participating for your benefit, **they should be given the utmost respect and attention**. The colloquium is organized, and should be treated as, a professional symposium. Unprofessional behavior keeps you or others from being attentive and includes, but is not limited to:

- Arriving late to class
- Talking
- Reading or doing homework
- Focusing on personal electronic devices
- Sleeping
- Rummaging through belongings
- Packing up to leave prior to the end of class
- Leaving before class has been dismissed by the instructor

Discourteous behavior of any type during class will result in your being marked absent and 5 points lost for the day.

The back row of seats is for faculty, visitors, and guests; please leave them available!

Week of	Speaker	iClicker
1/26	Introduction	/2 (EC)
2/2	Kristy Ortega Johnson (host, Jim Youngblom, Zoom presentation)	/5
2/9	Dr. Sara Emerson, CSU Stanislaus	/5
2/16	Dr. Jamila Newton, CSU Stanislaus	/5
2/23	<b>CENSUS DATE 2/21</b> Dr. Lauren Au (host, Matt Cover)	/5
3/2	Elias Lopez and Christine Parisek, MSES graduate students, CSU Stanislaus	/5
3/9	Leah Mellinger, MSES graduate student, CSU Stanislaus	/5
3/16	Erica Kelly, Endangered Species Recovery Program (host, Patrick Kelly)	/5
3/23	Robert Pelletier and Ashleigh Glover, MSES graduate students, CSU Stanislaus	/5
3/30	<b>CESAR CHAVEZ DAY</b>	
4/6	<b>SPRING BREAK ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY!</b>	
4/13	Dr. Erik Gergus (host, Terry Jones)	/5
4/20	Dr. Michael Marchetti (host, Christine Parisek)	/5
4/27	CSU Stanislaus undergraduate research students (Bissonette lab, Bhaduri lab)	/5
5/4	CSU Stanislaus undergraduate research students (Cooper lab)	/5
5/11	<b>WARRIOR DAY</b>	