

BIOL 4960: Biology Colloquium - Spring 2017

Naraghi 101 - Fridays 2:00-2:50pm

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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. A colored index card will be handed to each student before class; only one card per student and cards will not be handed out after class begins. On this card each student must write their name, student ID number, the date, and two questions for the speaker that are appropriate to the presentation. Students can earn up to 3 points each day: one for attendance and one for each relevant question. Cards must be returned to the instructor immediately after the class to receive credit. Questions deemed unsuitable will earn no points. Points earned will be posted on Blackboard each week. Students will earn a CR grade if they lose fewer than five points during the semester. Students that lose five or more points will earn a NC grade. Students who attempt to submit cards for others, have someone attempt to submit a card for them, copy questions from someone else, or who commit similar dishonest acts will receive a NC grade. There will be no exceptions to this grading policy.

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, talking, reading, playing with personal electronic devices, sleeping, eating, rummaging through belongings, packing up to leave prior to the end of class, arriving late, and leaving before class is over (even if you are returning). Unprofessional behavior of any type during class will result in your being marked absent and three points lost for the day. Students are encouraged to ask questions at the conclusion of the presentation. The back row of seats is for faculty, visitors, and guests; do not sit there unless there are absolutely no other seats available.

Schedule

Jan 27	Intros
Feb 3	Brian Sardella
Feb 10	Jamila Newton
Feb 17	Jane Khudyakov - <i>University of the Pacific</i>
Feb 24	Peter Waser - <i>Purdue University emeritus</i>
Mar 3	Gardner Lab student researchers
Mar 10	Alex Parker - <i>CSU Maritime</i>
Mar 17	Sarah Bradley Huff - <i>CA State Parks Mendocino Sector</i>
Mar 24	Spring Break
Mar 31	Caesar Chavez Day
Apr 7	Sarah Bissonnette
Apr 14	Jeff Scales
Apr 21	Grad Student proposals
Apr 28	Grad Student proposals
May 5	Cooper Lab student researchers