

“There is grandeur in this view of life, with its several powers, having been originally breathed into a few forms or into one; and that, whilst this planet has gone cycling on according to the fixed law of gravity, from so simple a beginning endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been, and are being, evolved.”

Charles Darwin (1809-1882)

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, participation, behavior, and attitude. 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 less 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.

“Nothing in biology makes sense except in the light of evolution...Seen in the light of evolution, biology is, perhaps, intellectually the most satisfying and inspiring science”

Theodosius Dobzhansky (1900-1975)

COLLOQUIUM SCHEDULE

Date	Speaker	Title
29 Jan	Dr. Terry D. Jones California State University-Stanislaus	"Colloquium Introduction"
05 Feb		
12 Feb	Dr. Jim Youngblom California State University-Stanislaus	"The Life of Charles Darwin"*
19 Feb	Michelle Selmon California Department of Water Resources	TBD
26 Feb	Dr. Andy Gardner California State University-Stanislaus	TBD
04 Mar	Dr. Jim Harvey Moss Landing Marine Lab	TBD
11 Mar	Dr. Choong-Min Kang California State University-Stanislaus	"Biotechnology of Food Microbes: Sake with Fusion Yeasts and Probiotic with a Novel <i>Lactobacillus</i> "
18 Mar	Marisa Ishimatsu Nature photographer	"Field Biology in the Real World"
25 Mar	No Class	
08 Apr	Robin Hayes Hartnell College	"My Cells Made Me Do It"
15 Apr	Dr. Scott Hamilton Moss Landing Marine Lab	"Consequences of Ocean Acidification"
22 Apr	Dr. Tricia Van Laar Fresno State University	"Good Drugs Gone Bad: an Investigation of Antimicrobial Resistance in War Wound Pathogens"
29 Apr	Mark Hilgers or Mikaila Hickman California State University-Stanislaus	TBD
06 May	Mark Hilgers or Mikaila Hickman California State University-Stanislaus	TBD

*in celebration of the 206th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birthday

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