



Seminar Calendar

Tuesday, September 7

The Exchange – (Science discussion for BMB graduate students)

“*The World as Will and Representation*, a Schopenhauer-esque view of your scientific profile”

8:00 AM

Email David (arnosti@msu.edu) for the Zoom link and password

[Microbiology & Molecular Genetics Seminars](#)

Kathleen Hoag “Scholarship of teaching and learning to achieve student success”

3:10 PM

[Zoom link](#)

Email (MMG.Seminars@campusad.msu.edu) for the password

Thursday, September 9

[BMB Seminar Series](#)

Bjoern Hamberger, MSU

11:00 AM

Email Ashley (clarkas@msu.edu) for the Zoom link

[EEB Seminar Series](#)

EEB town hall

“Learn about EEB initiatives to come during the upcoming year”

3:30 PM

Email Barbara (eeb@msu.edu) for the Zoom link

Friday, September 10

[Plant Biology Seminar Series](#)

Alexandra Harmon-Threatt, University of Illinois

3:30 PM

Email Chasidy (perezch2@msu.edu) for the Zoom link

Announcements

If you were unable to make it to the **Graduate School orientation** event, the virtual event page is still active so you can access the breadth of resources uploaded there, including [video introductions](#) to people, groups and organizations; and [presentations](#) and [resources](#) from the Dean & Director-led workshops that took place.

Noteworthy News



Please join me in welcoming Evelyn Grace as our new Undergraduate Academic Advisor. Evelyn will be sharing joint responsibilities across BMB and PLB.

Evelyn is not new to MSU - she has worked the past three years as an academic advisor in the College of Engineering. Beyond her advising expertise, Evelyn brings a wealth of experience that will serve our students and our department well in the coming years.

She received her master's in Higher Education and Student Affairs from Ohio State University. At OSU, she worked with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Multicultural Center, and Student Athlete Support Services Office. She completed her undergraduate degree at UCLA.

She is a native Californian and - fun fact - she is allergic to dogs, yet they are her favorite animal.

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The English Language Center is offering two new sections of AAE 491 aimed at international graduate students who have already met the MSU minimum proficiency requirement for English (through TOEFL, IELTS, or completion of required ELC coursework) but would like to **further refine their English language skills**. Click [here](#) for more information.

The [Student Success Contacts and Resources Tool](#), which was created by members of the Educators Empowering Student Success Group, who are working on the Faculty Improving Student Success Strategic Initiative. The resources are organized into themes: academic, wellbeing, sense of belonging, purpose/career, community, and recommended teaching, learning, student success resources. Email Mary Beth Heeder (heeder@msu.edu) with questions.

As we return to classes this fall, we want to remind you that members of our community may be observing **religious holidays** throughout the academic year. MSU's Religious Observance Policy can be found on the websites of the [Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives](#) and the [Office of the Registrar](#), which also include resources for planning for religious holidays.

The mission of the **Hans Kende Memorial Award** is to recognize a recent graduate for an excellent dissertation in the plant sciences. The awardee will be invited to present their research at the Molecular Plant Sciences (MPS) Fall Seminar Series. Thesis topics may include any level of biological organization in plants, ranging from molecules to ecosystems. The candidates must be nominated by a faculty member within their area of study. Questions may be directed to Jianping Hu (huji@msu.edu).

Paul Wang (committee members Kuo, Hoogstraten, Hong, Parent and Dickson) will be presenting his **Preliminary Exam** titled "Alzheimer's disease mechanism studies based on hyperphosphorylated tau protein" Wednesday, September 8 at 2:00 pm. Email Jessica for the Zoom link and password.

MSU's Voices of Color presents "**Group Intro and Community Chat**" event focusing on BIPOC STEM graduate student experiences at MSU happening Friday, Sept. 10th. Register at tinyurl.com/VOCSEPT

The NatSci DEI Office presents workshops intended for NatSci graduate students and current graduate teaching assistants (GTAs) who are teaching/instructing in College of Natural Science classes/labs. The goal of these workshops is to provide GTAs with **DEI understanding** (depth) and practical approaches to implement in the classroom and lab (breadth). You can find details (topic, date, time, location, etc.) about each workshop [here](#). Questions should be addressed to (natsci.dei@msu.edu).

Job / internship postings:

The University of California, Riverside is hiring an **Academic Coordinator for Proteomics Core**. Salary will be based on experience, and is expected to be above 100k. Learn more and apply [here](#). Email Anil (anil.bhatia@ucr.edu) with questions.

Kettering University is hiring an **adjunct or lecturer instructor in biology** to teach undergraduate Microbiology, Genetics, Ecology, introductory Human Biology, and Biotechniques courses during this academic year. Email Daniel (dludwigs@kettering.edu) with questions.

Rice University is inviting applications for **2 faculty positions in the area of synthetic biology**, which would start July 1, 2022. Details can be found [here](#) and [here](#). Email Joff (joff@rice.edu) with questions.