

FALL 2026

Plant Biology Seminar Series

FRIDAYS | 2:30 PM | PBL 247

DATE	SPEAKER	TALK TITLE
September 11 <i>Host: Seminar Committee</i>	Rique Campa Senior Assoc Dean, CANR	<i>"Sustaining Graduate Student Success and Resilience Through Mentoring and Collaboration"</i>
September 18 <i>Host: Seminar Committee</i>	Ha Duong MSU Angelovici Lab	<i>"From natural variation to seed nutrition: Identifying tRNA(Ile) lysidine synthetase as a regulator of protein-bound methionine"</i>
September 25 <i>Host: Thelma Madzima</i>	Andrea Eveland Donald Danforth Center	<i>"Harnessing natural variation in gene regulation to optimize complex traits for climate-resilient sorghum"</i>
October 2 <i>Host: Sue Rhee</i>	Niels Groen UC Davis	<i>"Evolutionary systems biology of host-parasite interactions"</i>
October 9 <i>Host: Seminar Committee</i>	Shinhan Shiu MSU Plant Biology Department	<i>"The near future of biological research in the age of artificial intelligence"</i>
October 16 <i>Host: Tammy Long</i>	Theresa Crimmins USA National Phenology Network	<i>"From data to dialogue: My role at the intersection of science, society, and service"</i>
October 23 <i>Host: Graduate Committee</i>	Nic Kooyers University of Louisiana Lafayette	<i>"Rapid adaptation as a restoration strategy: Experimental assisted gene flow impacts on threatened monkeyflower populations"</i>
October 30 <i>Host: Seminar Committee</i>	Shahnaz Masani MSU Lyman Briggs College	<i>"Rethinking Our Stories of the Natural World: Examining gendered narratives of plant reproduction and the historical roots of ecological patterns in undergraduate biology education"</i>
November 6 <i>Host: Madison Plunkert</i>	Sheril Kirshenbaum MSU & Food Bank Council of Michigan	<i>"Science in Policymaking"</i>
November 13 <i>Host: Seminar Committee</i>	Tyler Wintermute MSU Glassmire Lab	<i>"Ecological Economics of Plant Chemical Diversity"</i>
	Maddy Creach MSU VanBuren Lab	<i>"Cross-Species Predictive Modelling of Quantitative Traits Using RNAseq"</i>
November 20 <i>Host: Seminar Committee</i>	Colette Berg MSU Lowry Lab	<i>"Genotype and environment shape gene regulatory variation in switchgrass"</i>
	Callie Ochs MSU Blackwood Lab	<i>"Switchgrass Genotype and Environment Impact Rhizosphere Fungi"</i>
Thanksgiving Break — No Seminar		
December 4 <i>Host: David Lowry</i>	Jill Anderson University of Georgia	<i>"Local adaptation in a rapidly changing climate: Insights from a North American wildflower, Boechera stricta"</i>

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All seminars are on Friday at 2:30 PM ET in PLB 247. Light refreshments will be provided.