



SPRING 2026

# PLANT BIOLOGY SEMINAR SERIES

FRIDAYS | 2:30 PM | PBL 247

Jan

**16 Dani Eshel** | Volcani Institute

“Carbon allocation rewiring in potato plant: A novel physiological route to enhanced drought tolerance and dormancy control”

March

**13 Binney Girdler** | Kalamazoo College

“Dune thistle demography: the perils of life on the shores of Lake Michigan”

**20 Elena Kramer** | Harvard University

“Exploring weird and wonderful petals in the Ranunculaceae”

**27 Christoph Benning** | Michigan State University

*TBD*

April

**3 Michelle Weston & Ben Feld** | Michigan State University

**Weston:** “Exploring AI feedback on undergraduate research proposals: Student experiences, perceptions & engagement”

**Feld:** “High throughput phenotyping of switchgrass allows identification of senescence candidate genes”

**10 Outstanding Postdoc Awards Seminar** | Michigan State University

**17 Mike Grillo** | Loyola University

“Coevolutionary diversification in Astragalus, the most species rich genus of plants”

**24 Brad Ruhfel** | University of Michigan

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