

Plant Pathology Seminar Series

Spring 2009

All seminars are on Mondays at 4:10 pm in Johnson Hall, Room 343, *unless otherwise noted.

- Jan 12 Dr. Xianming Chen, Research Pathologist, USDA-ARS and Plant Pathology Adjunct Professor, "Highlights and Perspectives for Stripe Rust Research" (Organizational Meeting following seminar)
- Jan 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – No Seminar
- Jan 26 Peng Cheng (Graduate Student, Ph.D.) "Genomic Studies of Phytopathogenic Fungi"
- Feb 2 Sarah Dossey (Graduate Student, M.S.), "The Type III Secretion System in Plant Pathogenic Bacteria"
- Feb 9 Xiaodong Bao (Graduate Student, Ph.D.), "Are Fungal Inteins Genetic Parasites?"
- Feb 16 Presidents Day Holiday – No seminar
- Feb 23 Jeremiah Dung (Graduate Student, M.S.), "Relative Role of Infected Seed Tubers in Verticillium Wilt of Potato and Evaluation of Verticillium Wilt Resistance in *Mentha arvensis* and *M. longifolia*" M.S. Exit Seminar.
- Mar 2 Christie Almeyda-Becerra (Graduate Student, Ph.D.), "Citrus Greening: The Dragon Arrives to the US"
- Mar 9 Emily Gatch (Graduate Student, Ph.D.), "Why members of the *Chenopodiaceae* and *Brassicaceae* do not form AM associations and the implications for crop health"
- Mar 16 Spring Break – No Seminar
- Mar 23 Yu-Hsuan Lin (Graduate Student, Ph.D.) "Benefits and Risks of Growing Virus-Resistant Transgenic Plants"
- Mar 30 Laura Costadone (Graduate Student, MS) "Improvement and implementation of model-and detection-based management programs for grapevine powdery mildew " M.S. Exit Seminar
- Apr 6 Olufemi Alabi (Graduate Student, Ph.D.) To be announced. Ph.D. Exit Seminar
- *Apr 7 Dr. Johannes Stratmann, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, University of South
Tuesday Carolina, "Function of the COP9 Signalosome in Plant Defense Responses" (Host: Dr. Okubara)
10:30 am
- Apr 13 Youn-Sig Kwak (Graduate Student, Ph.D.) "Impact of 2,4-DAPG on *Gaeumannomyces graminis* var. *tritici* and wheat in the take-all pathosystem" Ph.D. Exit Seminar
- Apr 20 Zareen Dossey (Graduate Student, M.S.), "Biological Control of Plant Pathogenic Nematodes"
- Apr 27 Evans Njambere (Graduate Student, Ph.D.), Etiology and population structure of *Sclerotinia spp* causing stem rot of chickpea" Ph.D. Exit Seminar.
- May 4 Final exams begin (no seminar)