

# Plant Pathology Seminar Series

*Spring 2011*

*All seminars are on Monday at 4:10-5:00 pm in Johnson Hall, Room 343 (unless otherwise noted)*

January 10, Organizational Meeting, No Seminar

January 17, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, No Seminar

January 24, **Lydia Tymon**, PhD Student, "The effects of wildfire and prescribed burning on ectomycorrhiza communities" Announcement

January 31, **Hilal Ozkilinc**, Post Doc Research Associate, Dept of Plant Pathology, "Comparative population analysis of *Didymella rabiei* causing ascochyta blight of wild and domesticated chickpea in Turkey and Israel" Announcement

February 7, **Renuka Kithul Pelage**, PhD Student, "Effects of oxidants/antioxidants on mycotoxin production"

February 14, **Austin Bates**, MS Student, "Enteric pathogens and their association with plants"

February 21, President's Day, No Seminar

February 28, **Chan Maketon**, MS Student, "Molecular interactions between wheat and *Pseudomonas fluorescens*: Impact of DAPG and type III secretion mutants on early changes in root gene expression"

March 7, **Marianne Powell**, MS Student, "Can *Bacillus* spp. control *Verticillium dahliae* in Solanaceous crops?"

March 14, Spring Break, No Seminar

March 21, **Yu-Hsuan Lin**, PhD Student, "The role of insect proteins in persistently transmitted viral diseases: Circulative versus propagative viruses"

March 28, **Megan Robinson**, MS Student, "Genetic variation of Wheat streak mosaic virus in the Pacific Northwest"

TBA, **Jane Stewart**, PhD Student, "Do asexual plant-pathogenic fungi have sex and how do they form species?"

April 4, **Tyler Bourret**, MS Student, "The genesis of pathogenesis: Tracing the evolutionary history of the pathogenic lifestyle in the recently reassembled fungal tree of life"

April 11, **Segun Akinbade**, MS Student, "The banana bacterial wilt menace: A threat to production in East Africa"

April 18, **Ralf Dietzgen**, Queensland University, Australia, "Characterization of plant rhabdoviruses: Biology, sequence analysis, and live cell imaging of viral proteins"

TBA, **Christian Aguilar**, MS Student, "Detection of *Ascochyta rabiei* in chickpea seed using Quantitative PCR"

April 25, **Usha Zehr**, Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Company, India, TBA

TBA, **Juliane Evans**, MS Student, "Is Reproduction of the Wheat *Cephalosporium Stripe* Fungus Exclusively Asexual?"