BIOL 115 Invigilators

Looking for 5 invigilators for the BIOL 115 midterm on November 3, 2016 from 6:30-9 pm. Please contact Sarah Woolley (sarah.woolley@mcgill.ca) for more details.

Procedures for Visiting Professors

Please take note of the below procedure for Visiting Professors in the department of Biology

The faculty member hosting the Visiting Professor must contact the Chair’s Office and provide details of the planned future visit i.e. dates of visit, duties, provide nationality etc... In addition, the following documents are required:

- letter of affiliation from the home university must be sent to the Chair
- CV
- Personal data form
- Personal resident card (if non Canadian, immigration work is required)

The Chair prepares an offer letter to the Visiting Professor (with itemized terms) for approval. Offer letter must be returned to the Chair.

Once all information has been received, the Visiting Professor must be appointed in Minerva. We must follow the regulations, the general terms of employment for Contract Academic Staff at McGill University.

Want to improve your writing?

If you want to make writing a less frightening experience the best way is to practice, so why not write a novel in November? National Novel Writing Month is a good way to get over the fear of the blank page and get used to writing a lot, pretty much every day. It also improves the quality of your writing over the course of the month. This is especially useful for grad students, who generally don’t have much experience writing longer stretches of text. If you’re interested in joining the departmental group for encouragement and camaraderie contact Torsten at torsten.bernhardt@mcgill.ca.

Molecular Seminars

Date and Time: November 14, 2016 at 4:00 pm  
Location: Stewart Auditorium N2/2
Name: Karen Echeverri, College of Biological Sciences, University of Minnesota
Title: Molecular mechanisms of regeneration: lessons from salamanders
Host: Siegfried Hekimi
Organismal Seminars

Date and Time: November 3, 2016 at 3:00 pm  
Location: Redpath Museum Auditorium  
Name: Nina Overgaard Therkildsen, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University  
Title: Next generation genomics for marine conservation and fisheries management  
Host: Rowan Barrett

Date and Time: November 17, 2016 at 3:00 pm  
Location: Redpath Museum Auditorium  
Name: Sally Adamowicz, Department of Integrative Biology, University of Guelph  
Title: DNA Barcoding and the Origin of Species  
Host: Melania Cristescu

Date and Time: November 24, 2016 at 3:00 pm  
Location: Redpath Museum Auditorium  
Name: Madhur Anand, School of Environmental Sciences, University of Guelph  
Title: Seeing the Forest for the Grasslands and the People: Sustainability of Coupled Human-Environment Mosaic Ecosystems  
Host: Frédéric Guichard

Date and Time: December 1, 2016 at 3:00 pm  
Location: Redpath Museum Auditorium  
Name: Graham Macdonald, Department of Geography, McGill University  
Title: TBA  
Host: Irene Gregory-Eaves

Date and Time: December 8, 2016 at 3:00 pm  
Location: Redpath Museum Auditorium  
Name: Olivia Wilkins, Department of Plant Science, McGill University  
Title: Gene regulatory networks: water deficit, high temperature and agricultural environments  
Host: Daniel Schoen

Neurobiology & Behaviour Seminars

Date and Time: October 28, 2016 at 1:00 pm  
Location: Bellini, Room 230  
Name: Ferran Sayol  
Title: Environmental variation and the evolution of enlarged brains in birds

Date and Time: December 2, 2016 at 1:00 pm  
Location: Bellini, Room 230  
Name: Katherine Shaw (Krahe Lab)  
Title: TBA
**PhD Seminars**

**Date and Time:** November 2, 2016 at 12:30 pm  
**Location:** Stewart Biology, W4/12  
**Name:** Sebastien Portalier  
**Title:** The Effects of Physical Factors on the Structure of Food Webs  
**Supervisor(s):** Gregor Fussmann

**PhD Thesis Defenses**

**Date and Time:** October 28, 2016 at 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Stewart Biology, W4/12  
**Name:** Michelle Kowanda  
**Title:** The role of pole plasm and perinuclear localizing RNA blastoderm-specific gene 25D on microtubule organization in drosphila oogenesis and embryogenesis  
**Supervisor(s):** Paul Lasko

**Date and Time:** November 8, 2016 at 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Stewart Biology, W4/12  
**Name:** Eric Yen  
**Title:** New tools to investigate the structure-function relationships of the mitotic spindle  
**Supervisor(s):** Jackie Vogel

**Ecology and Evolution Lunches (EEL)**

Unless otherwise indicated, all talks are scheduled on **Wednesdays from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm in the Stewart Biology Building, Room W4/12.**  
Please contact James Bull (james.bull@mail.mcgill.ca) for details and scheduling.

**Date:** November 2, 2016  
**Name:** Sebastien Portalier  
**Title:** The Effects of Physical Factors on the Structure of Food Webs  
**Supervisor(s):** Gregor Fussmann

**Date:** November 30, 2016  
**Name:** Javier Mateo Vega  
**Title:** TBA  
**Supervisor(s):** Catherine Potvin

**Date:** December 7, 2016  
**Name:** Kerri Ackerly  
**Title:** TBA  
**Supervisor(s):** Lauren Chapman

**Molecular and Genetics Works In Progress Seminars (WIPS)**

These seminars are scheduled every Thursday beginning at 12:00 p.m. in room W4/12, please see list below for dates and names of speakers.  
**Coordinators:** Sreeparna Pradhan and Conrad Hall
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