**BIOL 695/ BIOS 704 / BINF 704: Colloquium Series**

(Tuesday: 12:00-1:00pm)

(IABR 1004)

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**Course Description:**

Seminar presentations in a variety of areas of biology, bioscience, and bioinformatics presented by COS faculty and professional visitors.

**Grading:**

**Summary Reports (50%)**

Students will be assigned to write a one page summary; single spaced, of each speaker’s presentation. This summary will be a description of the major points of the presentation. Five references from Pub Med will be required that are relevant to the publication or topic discussed which could include specific references mentioned in their presentation. Each summary is worth 10 points. **Please put your name on your paper and label your file with your name. (Ex: Lecture1\_Summary\_Albert Einstein)**

The summary reports will be due one week after each presentation (Following Tuesday at 1pm) in PDF format and submitted by email only. **Please submit reports to** [**hcox9@gmu.edu**](mailto:hcox9@gmu.edu) **and Cc me on your submission.**

**Attendance (50%)**

You need to come to class, and you have to be there mentally as well as physically. Attendance will be taken. Each class is worth 10 points. **Please sign-in on the sign-in sheet.**

**Late Work Policy**

Late work will **only** be accepted if it has been **prearranged** and this is up to the professor’s discretion. Exceptions will be made for emergency situations.

**Class Schedule**

**Date**                                  **Speaker\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

8/31 Dr. Fatah Kashanchi- George Mason University

9/14 Dr. Olaf Kutsch – University of Alabama at Birmingham

9/28 Dr. Michael Buschmann – George Mason University

10/19 Dr. Robert Molestina – ATCC BEI Resources

11/2 Dr. Fabio Romerio – Johns Hopkins

11/16 Dr. Leonid Margolis - NIH

11/30 Dr. Martin Olivier – McGill University

**Disability Statement**

If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Office of Disability Resources at 703.993.2474.

All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office.

**Honor Code Statement**

George Mason University has an Honor Code, which requires all members of this community to maintain the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity. Cheating, plagiarism, lying, and stealing are all prohibited.

All violations of the Honor Code will be reported to the Honor Committee.

See honorcode.gmu.edu for more detailed information.

**Enrollment Statement**

* Students are responsible for verifying their enrollment in this class.
* Schedule adjustments should be made by the deadlines published in the Schedule of Classes.
  + Last Day to Add: August 30th
  + Last Day to Drop: September 7th - no tuition penalty
  + Final Drop 50% Refund: September 14th
  + Unrestricted Withdrawal- No refund: September 15th – September 27th
* After the last day to drop a class, withdrawing from this class requires the approval of the dean and is only allowed for nonacademic reasons.
* Undergraduate students may choose to exercise a selective withdrawal.

See the Schedule of Classes for selective withdrawal procedures

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**Students:**

Students are granted a Basic Zoom account. This allows hosting of up to 100 participants for a maximum of 40 minutes per meeting. If you require more than a Basic account, you may request an upgraded account. Click the Zoom Support button above and identify your need in the "Request Description" field of the form.

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**For more details or help**:

**https://its.gmu.edu/service/zoom/**