

**Department of Plant Pathology**  
**Spring Semester 2018 Seminar Schedule**

Mondays 2:30 – 3:20 PM, 2401 Plant Sciences Building

8 January	Brian Kvitko, Assistant Professor, Plant Pathology	New approaches to monitor mechanisms of plant immunity and disease.
15 January	MLK Holiday – no seminar	
22 January	Wayne Parrot, Professor, Crop & Soil Sciences	Debugging soybean
29 January	Dung (Ivy) Tran, MS Student, The Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics and Genomics	The battle against the billion dollar pest: soybean cyst nematode
5 February	Babu Srinivasan, Associate Professor, Entomology	Macro-and micro-level characterization of orthotospovirus-thrips interactions
12 February	Jason Woodward, Associate Professor, & Extension Specialist, and Associate Department Head. Dept. of Pathology & Microbiology, Texas A&M University	Addressing producer needs regarding exotic and emerging diseases in Texas cotton.
19 February	Jason Wallace, Assistant Professor, Crop & Soil Sciences	Quantitative Genetics of the Maize Microbiome
26 February	Bhabesh Dutta, Assistant Professor, Third Year Review	Progress and future challenges in vegetable disease management in Georgia
5 March	Tim Brenneman, Professor, Post-Tenure Review	Management of peanut and pecan diseases - from "Spray and Pray" to molecular breeding
12 March	Spring break – no seminar	
19 March	Steven J. Clough, Assistant Professor, USDA, Crop Sciences, Plant Protection, Plant Pathology, University of Illinois, SAPPs Invited speaker	Using transcriptomics to better understand the soybean- <i>Sclerotinia interaction</i>
26 March	Ian Small, Plant Pathology, Assistant Professor, University of Florida	Applied Plant Disease Epidemiology: Translating information into action
2 April	Leilani Sumabat, Plant Pathology, UGA Athens, PhD Exit Seminar	Understanding the emergence of target spot epidemics caused by <i>Corynespora cassiicola</i> in the Southeastern U.S.
9 April	Minglu Gao, Plant Pathology, UGA Athens, PhD Exit Seminar	Molecular exploration of fungal beta-lactamases and interactions between two maize endophytes, <i>Fusarium verticillioides</i> and <i>Sarocladium zeae</i>
16 April	Shufang Tian, Plant Pathology, UGA Tifton, MS Exit Seminar	Interactions between resistant and susceptible vegetable genotypes with <i>Phytophthora capsici</i> .
23 April	Renjie Cui, Plant Pathology, UGA Tifton, MS Exit Seminar	Phenotyping of peanut stem rot and rhizoctonia limb rot
8 May	Dr. Gary Bergstrom, Professor Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology Section Chair, School of Integrative Plant Science, Cornell University	<b>Luttrell Lecture</b> Close encounters with a cereal killer: The biology and management of <i>Fusarium graminearum</i>

## **Special Summer Seminars:**

### **June 7, 2018**

Xenobiotic metabolizing N-acetyltransferases: New functions revealed through comparative analyses of microbial genomes. Dr. Sotiria Boukouvala, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece. Thursday, June 7 at 2:00 PM, 3203 Miller Plant Sciences.

### **June 28, 2018**

Molecular exploration of fungal lactamases and antagonism of *Fusarium verticillioides* by *Sarocladium zeae*, two maize endophytes. Minglu Gao, Plant Pathology, UGA Athens, PhD Exit Seminar, 1 PM in 2401 Miller Plant Sciences.

### **July 6, 2018**

Symptomology, epidemiology, and real-time PCR-based diagnosis of Exobasidium leaf and fruit spot of blueberry caused by *Exobasidium maculosum*. Russell Ingram, Plant Pathology, UGA Athens, PhD Exit Seminar. 9 AM in 2401 Plant Sciences