

## Department of Plant Pathology

### Fall Semester 2019

Mondays 2:30 – 3:20 PM

Athens: 2401 Plant Sciences: Tifton NESPAL 201 [Join us online for seminars](#)

August 19	Usha Bhatta (PhD proposal seminar)	Characterization of resistance to <i>Ustilago maydis</i> from teosinte and two maize-teosinte introgression lines
August 26	Natalia Peres, Professor, Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, University of Florida, Wimauma, FL	Strategic management of multiple diseases and fungicide resistance in strawberry
September 2	Labor Day, no seminar	
September 9	Rima Lucardi, Research Ecologist, Southern Research Station, USDA Forest Service, Athens, GA (adjunct faculty appointment)	Microsatellite analysis of the fungal biocontrol agent <i>Phlebiopsis gigantea</i> (Fr.) Jül presents a case for homothallism
September 16	Renee Arias De Ares, Research Plant Pathologist, USDA-ARS, National Peanut Laboratory, Dawson, GA (adjunct faculty reappointment)	Peanut phytoalexins revisited
September 23	Brantlee Spakes-Richter, Associate Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	Teaching beyond the test: critical skills in plant pathology
September 30	John de Soto (PhD proposal seminar)	Loblolly pine defense mechanisms and their effect on bark beetle associated fungi and fungal competition: The southern pine beetle system
October 7	Logan Moore (PhD proposal seminar)	Mechanisms of fungicide resistance in <i>Venturia effusa</i> and comparing sensitivity of isolates from different pecan cultivars
October 14	Gaurav Agarwal, Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Plant Pathology, University of Georgia, Tifton	Whole genome sequencing approach to identify onion virulence in <i>Pantoea ananatis</i>
October 21	Govindaraj Dev Kumar, Assistant Professor, Center for Food Safety, University of Georgia, Griffin	When <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> visit the salad bar
October 28	Dario Di Genova (departmental exit seminar)	Characterizing <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> , its genetic diversity and virulence on Georgia blueberries
November 4	Will Hemphill (MS exit seminar)	Cane diseases of blackberry: Identification of causal agents and modifications of management recommendations for cane blight and orange cane blotch
November 11	Mei Zhao (PhD exit seminar)	Factors that affect host preference and virulence of <i>Acidovorax citrulli</i> , the causal agent of bacterial fruit blotch of cucurbits
November 15	Bhawana Ghimire (MS exit seminar)	Colonization of soybeans stems and toxin production by the stem canker pathogen, <i>Diaporthe aspalathi</i>
November 22	Gulcin Ekemen (MS exit seminar) Room 111 Plant Science Building, Tifton	Etiology of Pseudocercospora leaf spot diseases on <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> and <i>Loropetalum chinensis</i>
November 25	Garrett Hibbs (MS exit seminar)	<i>Sarocladium zeae</i> , a potential biological control agent against <i>Fusarium verticillioides</i> possesses a horizontally acquired lactamase conferring resistance to the maize phytoanticipin, BOA
December 2	Lanxi Hu (PhD proposal seminar)	miR156-SPLs pathway regulates age-related resistance to bacterial pathogen