

**Department of Plant Pathology
Spring/Summer Semester 2024**

Mondays 3:00-3:50 PM

Athens: 2401 Plant Sciences: Tifton NESPAL 533; Griffin: Turfgrass Building Conference Room

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Coordinators: Harald Scherm and Bhabesh Dutta

DATE	SPEAKER	TITLE
8 January	Dr. Clive Bock Research Plant Pathologist USDA-ARS, Ft. Pierce, FL	Scab: A 140-Year-Old Impediment to Pecan Production in the Southeast
15 January	MLK Day – No Seminar	
22 January	Dr. Breeanna Urbanowicz Assistant Professor UGA Complex Carbohydrate Research Center (CCRC)	Structural and Biochemical Insight into a Modular β -1,4-Galactan Synthase in Plants
29 January	Dr. Sang Wook Park Associate Professor Auburn University Plant Pathology	12-Oxo-Phytodienoic Acid; A Versatile Hormone Signal in Plant Growth and Local/Systemic Defense Responses
5 February	Eddie Beasley Technical Agronomist Bayer Crop Science	Utilizing Plant Pathology as a Agronomic Expert Outside of Academia
12 February	Dr. Chung-Jui (CJ) Tsai Professor and Eminent Scholar UGA Warnell School of Forestry	Decoupling the Salicylic Acid–Growth Tradeoff by Altering Cold-Regulated Gene Expression in Arabidopsis”
19 February	Dr. Renee Arias Research Plant Pathologist USDA-ARS, Dawson, GA	Research on Aflatoxins
26 February	Seminar Postponed –no seminar	
4 March	Spring Break –no seminar	
11 March	Seminar Postponed –no seminar	
18 March	Dr. Mychele Batista da Silva Postdoc, Tidewater Agric. Research & Extension Center Virginia Tech University	Plant Pathology: A Journey of Opportunities
25 March	Mekidani Jacob Salu MS Exit Seminar UGA Plant Pathology	Virulence of Soybean Cyst Nematode on Resistant Soybean
1 April	Kheeman Kwon PhD Exit Seminar UGA Plant Pathology	Discovery of Candidate Soybean Cyst Nematode Virulence Genes Using Multiple Next-Generation Sequencing Approaches
8 April	Dr. Kristin Trippe Research Microbiologist USDA-ARS, Corvallis, OR	Demystifying Biochar: Developing Decision Support Models for On-farm Biochar Application
15 April	Dr. Kendra Baumgartner Plant Pathologist USDA-ARS, Davis, CA	Early Detection of Grapevine Trunk Diseases
22 April	Dr. Xiaorong Lin Professor UGA Microbiology	From Studying Cryptococcal Morphogenesis to Vaccine Development
29 April	Dr. Rich Adams Assistant Professor	Predicting Adaptation and Ancestry by Linking Phylogeny, Functional Genomics, and Statistical Learning

	University of Arkansas	
21 May	Dr. Tiffany Lowe-Power Assistant Professor UC Davis, Davis, CA	Why are Ralstonia wilt pathogens Goopy?
29 May	Allysa Campbell MS Exit Seminar UGA Plant Pathology	A Spatially Explicit Epidemiological Model for Arthropod-Vectored Plant Viruses
10 July	Anna Bass MS Exit Seminar UGA Plant Pathology	Investigating the persistence of the boxwood blight pathogen <i>Calonectria pseudonaviculata</i> and the role of microsclerotia in its survival