

Spring/Summer 2025 Seminars

January 6, 2025

No Seminar

January 13, 2025

Exploring ways to reduce pesticide risk in conventional peach production with mixtures of biological and reduced-rate conventional fungicides

Guido Schnabel

Professor of Plant Pathology- Fruit Crops, Plant and Environmental Sciences
Department, Clemson University

January 20, 2025

MLK Holiday - No Seminar

January 27, 2025

MU Plant Diagnostic Clinic: Surviving or thriving in the tension of extension and research

Peng Tian

Assistant Extension Professor, Division of Plant Sciences and Technology,
University of Missouri

February 3, 2025

Breeding for disease resilience in peach scion and rootstock

Ksenija Gasic

Professor of Horticulture, Peach Genetics and Breeding, Clemson University

February 17, 2025

Building a better toolbox to combat mycotoxins and postharvest pathogens

Jake Fountain

Assistant Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, UGA

February 24, 2025

Advancing nematode management through translational research: Developing solutions for emerging threats and optimizing solutions for existing threats

Intiaz Chowdhury

Assistant Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, UGA

February 26, 2025 *Special Seminar Time 1 PM and Athens Location Room 2102 Miller Plant Science Bldg*

Diversifying the approaches for plant epidemiology studies

Paul Sevens

Assistant Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, UGA

March 3, 2025

No Seminar- Spring Break

March 10, 2025

Evolution and diversity of *Xylaria necrophora*, an emerging pathogen of soybean in the southern United States

Teddy Garcia-Aroca

Assistant Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

March 17, 2025

Seminar Cancelled (This seminar will be rescheduled in the summer semester)

March 24, 2025

Integrated disease management solutions for plant disease challenges in CEA

Jorge Reyes

Postdoc, Department of Plant Pathology, UGA

March 31, 2025 Cancelled-to be rescheduled

April 7, 2025

Isolation, identification, and characterization of *Alternaria* spp., *Botrytis* spp., and *Neopestalotiopsis* spp. isolates associated with fruit rots on blueberries in Georgia

Mirza Beg

PhD Exit Seminar

April 10, 2025 Please note this is a special seminar which will use a special zoom link. Please use this link [Zoom](#)

New molecular tools for dollar spot detection and the genetic makeup, biological control efficacy, and nitrous oxide emission mitigation of *Trichoderma* T22

Kyari Oleander (Tam Stackhouse)

PhD Exit Seminar

April 14, 2025

Factors affecting bacterial survival and field management of diverse *Pantoea* species in the *Allium*-Poaceae pathosystem

Santosh Koirala

PhD Exit Seminar

April 21, 2025

Anaerobic soil disinfestation and other approaches for managing soilborne diseases of blueberry, and characterization of *Phytophthora cinnamomi* isolates from Georgia

Chaitanya Muraka

PhD Exit Seminar

April 28, 2025

Epidemiology and Management Strategies of CLRDV

Surendra Reddy Edula

PhD Exit Seminar

May 14, 2025 at 10:30 AM Coverdell Bldg. 2025 E.S. Luttrell Lecture

How Consumers, Pathogens, and Weather are Changing Vegetable Production

Dr. Christine Smart

Goichman Family Director, Cornell AgriTech Professor, School of Integrative Plant Science, Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology Section

May 16, 2025 at 9 AM room 2401 of Miller Plant Science Bldg.

Evidence for the onion tissue specific contributions of thiosulfinate tolerance gene clusters to *Burkholderia gladioli* pv. *alliiicola* virulence

Sujan Paudel

PhD Exit Seminar

June 9, 2025 at 3PM

Citrus Greening in Georgia: Detection and Genetic Characterization of '*Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus*' and Monitoring for Asian Citrus Psyllids within Commercial Groves

Carlton Collins

MS Exit Seminar

Monday June 23, 2025 at 9 AM

Pathogenicity and management of recently detected *Meloidogyne* spp. in Georgia

Nabin Poudel

MS Exit Seminar

Thursday June 26, 2025 at 9 AM

Characterization of *Rhizopus* spp. Affecting Commercial Peanut Seeds

Lucinda McEachin

MS Exit Seminar

Thursday June 26, 2025 at 1 PM

Diversity and fungicide resistance of *Colletotrichum* species on apple and management with plant resistance inducers

Jonathan Henson

MS Exit Seminar

Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 3 PM

A Look at Peanut Leaf Spot Disease Progression Based on Fungicide Combinations and Spray Initiation by Planting Date

Alana Atkinson

MS Exit Seminar

Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 9AM

PeanutMAGIC Pangenome Empowers Trait Mapping for Disease Resistance

Ethan Thompson

PhD Exit Seminar