



## 2026 Summer Seminar Series

Ruth Patrick Hall Auditorium  
Tuesdays at 8:00 pm, unless noted otherwise

<b>Tues, May 26</b>	<b>John David Curlis</b> Hamilton College, Dept. of Biology <i>The integrative biology of animal coloration: Insights from snakes and lizards</i>
<b>Tues, June 2</b>	<b>Melissa DeBiase, Elisjsa Wade, Rodney Pierson, Eve Manen, Gabriella DiRenno, Arianna Kuhn, Tara Pelletier</b> Radford University, Dept. of Biology <i>Super salamander science: exploring Appalachian biodiversity using genomics</i>
<b>Tues, June 9</b>	<b>Laura Russo</b> University of Tennessee – Knoxville, Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology <i>Building plant-pollinator communities with common garden experiments</i>
<b>Thurs, June 11</b>	<b>REU project proposals</b> Special time: 9:55AM – 12:00PM
<b>Tues, June 16</b>	<b>Zach Butterfield</b> Michigan State University, Dept. of Geography, Environment, & Spatial Sciences <i>LiDAR, reflectance, and fluorescence, oh my! Remote sensing insights into forest gross primary productivity</i>
<b>Tues, June 23</b>	<b>Lauren Cirino</b> University of Mary Washington, Dept. of Biological Sciences <i>Ecology and sex: reproductive success in dynamic environments</i>
<b>Tues, June 30</b>	<b>Rising Star: Ashley Adams</b> Appalachian State University, Dept. of Biology <i>The role of soil biodiversity in a changing world</i>
<b>Tues, July 7</b>	<b>ArtLab Artists-in-Residence</b>
<b>Thurs, July 9</b>	<b>ArtLab Artists-in-Residence</b>
<b>Tues, July 14</b>	<b>Megan Alderman</b> University of Virginia, Dept. of Biology <i>Transposable element proliferation on the caenophidian W chromosome</i> <b>Dylan Highland</b> University of Virginia, Dept. of Biology <i>Population genomics of venom genes in speckled rattlesnakes</i>
<b>Tues, July 21</b>	<b>Jaap de Roode</b> Emory University, Dept. of Biology <i>Doctors by Nature: How Ants, Apes and Other Animals Heal Themselves</i>
<b>Tues, July 28</b>	<b>REU final presentations</b> Special time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm
<b>Wed, July 29</b>	<b>REU final presentations</b> Special time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm