



2026 Summer Seminar Series

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

Tues, May 26	John David Curlis Hamilton College, Dept. of Biology <i>The integrative biology of animal coloration: Insights from snakes and lizards</i>
Tues, June 2	Melissa DeBiasse, Elisjsha Wade, Rodney Pierson, Eve Manen, Gabriella DiRenno, Arianna Kuhn, Tara Pelletier Radford University, Dept. of Biology <i>Super salamander science: exploring Appalachian biodiversity using genomics</i>
Tues, June 9	Laura Russo University of Tennessee – Knoxville, Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology <i>Building plant-pollinator communities with common garden experiments</i>
Thurs, June 11	REU project proposals Special time: 9:55AM – 12:00PM
Tues, June 16	Zach Butterfield 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>
Tues, June 23	Lauren Cirino University of Mary Washington, Dept. of Biological Sciences <i>Ecology and sex: reproductive success in dynamic environments</i>
Tues, June 30	Rising Star: Ashley Adams Appalachian State University, Dept. of Biology <i>The role of soil biodiversity in a changing world</i>
Tues, July 7	ArtLab Artists-in-Residence
Thurs, July 9	ArtLab Artists-in-Residence
Tues, July 14	Megan Alderman University of Virginia, Dept. of Biology <i>Transposable element proliferation on the caenophidian W chromosome</i> Dylan Highland University of Virginia, Dept. of Biology <i>Population genomics of venom genes in speckled rattlesnakes</i>
Tues, July 21	Jaap de Roode Emory University, Dept. of Biology <i>Doctors by Nature: How Ants, Apes and Other Animals Heal Themselves</i>
Wed, July 29	REU final presentations Special time: 5:00 – 6:00 pm and 7:30 – 8:30 pm