

**PLANT SOIL
& MICROBIAL
SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT**



**Announcement of Final Oral Examination/Seminar
Crop & Soil Sciences M.S. Degree**

Friday, April 1, 2022 at 1:30 PM

Candidate's Name: **Justine Fisher**

Title of Thesis: Horseweed Management with Shading and Cover Crops and the Tolerance of Two Horseweed Growth Types to Glyphosate

Location: PSSB A271

Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/99232045670>

Meeting ID: 992 3204 5670

Passcode: Weeds

Seminars/Webinars

March 28, 2022 at 1:30 PM

Spring PLP 894 Seminar

Presenter: **Lexi Heger**

Title: Advances in molecular and optical detection strategies for grape downy mildew

Room 162 Food Safety and Toxicology Building (Hybrid Format)

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/99481126925?pwd=bWVWVXc0MTFscWU5Nmh6VWx2L1UwUT09>

Meeting ID: 994 8112 6925

Passcode: plp

March 31, 2022 at 4:10 PM

HORT/PSM Spring Seminar Series

Presenter: **Dr. James Olmstead**, Driscoll's

Title: Blueberry Breeding in 2020: Challenges and Opportunities

PSSB A149 (Hybrid Format)

April 4, 2022 at 1:30 PM

Spring PLP 894 Seminar

Presenter: **Alexandra Hernandez**

Title: Integrated strategies to improve management of Cercospora leaf spot of sugar beet

Room 162 Food Safety and Toxicology Building (Hybrid Format)

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/99481126925?pwd=bWVWVXc0MTFscWU5Nmh6VWx2L1UwUT09>

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Seminars/Webinars

April 7, 2022 at 4:10 PM

HORT/PSM Spring Seminar Series

Presenter: **Dr. James Simon**, Rutgers University

Title: Progress and Challenges in Breeding for Natural Products: From a Case Study in Developing Downy Mildew Resistance in Sweet Basil, to Aromas and Insect Repellency

PSSB A149 (Hybrid Format)

April 11, 2022 at 1:30 PM

Spring PLP 894 Seminar

Presenter: **Ethan Tippet**

Title: Evaluation of Table Beet Cultivars for Resistance to Rhizomania Caused by Beet Necrotic Yellow Vein Virus

Room 162 Food Safety and Toxicology Building (Hybrid Format)

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/99481126925?pwd=bWVWVXc0MTFscWU5Nmh6VWx2L1UwUT09>

Meeting ID: 994 8112 6925

Passcode: plp

April 14, 2022 at 4:10 PM

HORT/PSM Spring Seminar Series

Presenter: **Dr. Todd Gaines**, Colorado State University

Title: The shifting landscape of herbicide resistance evolution: Causes and consequences of new auxinic resistance traits in crops

PSSB A149 (Hybrid Format)

April 18, 2022 at 1:30 PM

Spring PLP 894 Seminar

Presenter: **Doug Minier**

Title: Pathogenesis and virulence factors of *Rhizoctonia solani* AG 2-2 causing root and crown rot of sugar beet

Room 162 Food Safety and Toxicology Building (Hybrid Format)

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/99481126925?pwd=bWVWVXc0MTFscWU5Nmh6VWx2L1UwUT09>

Meeting ID: 994 8112 6925

Passcode: plp

April 21, 2022 at 4:10 PM

HORT/PSM Spring Seminar Series

Presenter: **Dr. John R. Clark**, The University of Arkansas

Title: A Career of Public University Fruit Breeding: Dreams Fulfilled and Associated Stories

PSSB A149 (Hybrid Format)

April 25, 2022 at 1:30 PM

Spring PLP 894 Seminar

Presenter: **Karan Chahal**

Title: Oak Wilt: When Picnic Beetles Bring Along a Deadly Fungal Pathogen

Room 162 Food Safety and Toxicology Building (Hybrid Format)

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/99481126925?pwd=bWVWVXc0MTFscWU5Nmh6VWx2L1UwUT09>

Meeting ID: 994 8112 6925

Passcode: plp

Seminars

April 28, 2022 at 4:10 PM

HORT/PSM Spring Seminar

Presenter: **Dr. Roger Chetelat**, UC Davis

Title: TBD

PSSB A149 (Hybrid Format)

Announcements

Reminder 90-Day Time Limit for Out-of-Pocket Reimbursements

To align MSU's out-of-pocket reimbursement policy with the current travel reimbursement policy and IRS regulations, section 75 of the Manual of Business Procedures is being updated. Beginning April 1, 2022, out of pocket reimbursements will require submission within 90 days of the transaction/purchase date. Those not submitted within 90 days will not be reimbursed. This update will be reflected in the Manual of Business Procedures Section 75 on April 1, 2022.

IPF Building Notice: Water Shutdown - Plant Biology

Beginning Monday, April 11th at 8:00 AM, lasting until Friday, May 20th at 4:00 PM

Replacing RO system in the east wing of Plant Biology. The existing piping is failing. Occupants in the east wing will have to get RO water from other parts of the building.

Staff will help with making RO available. This will affect sinks, lavatories, eyewashes, and showers. Please notify all personnel in your department.

For additional information, you can contact Ken Hypes, PIA Plumbing at 517-899-3109 or hypesken@msu.edu, or IPF at 517-353-1760 (work order # PR213098)

Travel@State Open Labs

To provide enhanced customer service and better assist MSU travelers, the Office of the Controller will be conducting open lab sessions to assist with travel related questions using a one-on-one Teams based format.

- Available to all MSU faculty and staff.
- Virtual Open Labs available to provide one on one assistance with travel related questions. There will be appointment times available each business day for MSU travelers to schedule an open lab session.
- The Travel Open Lab sessions are available to book now with appointments starting on 03/21/2022.
- The Open Lab sessions will occur virtually via Teams.
- MSU travelers will use the MSU Travel@State Open Lab booking tool to schedule available sessions. Instructions on using this tool are attached to this newsletter and will be located on the Travel@State website.

Initially, 20-40 Open Lab sessions will be available each week to serve the campus community. These sessions can be used to get assistance on the following topics.

- Request processing in Concur
- Cash advances for travel
- Group/Guest Request and Expense Report processing
- Creating Expense Reports
- Managing itinerary/per diems within an Expense Report
- Reserving/Booking travel
- Operation of MSU travel policy within Concur
- Other general travel questions

Announcements

PSGSRs 2022 Deadline Extended!

The 19th annual Plant Science Graduate Student Research Symposium is now accepting abstracts for oral and poster presentations. The symposium will take place Friday, April 8th in the MPS Atrium. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase past and current research, make new friends, meet with old colleagues, and receive feedback on your presentation skills and style.

Abstract proposals are open to all graduate students studying in plant-related fields. The submission deadline has now been extended to Friday, March 25, 2022, at 5:00 PM. If you are interested in attending but not presenting you may also use the same registration form indicated below. Registration is free for both presenters and attendees. Lunch will be provided to all participants and attendees that register.

Prize money will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in the four presentation categories 1) Oral - Applied, 2) Oral - Basic, 3) Poster - Applied, and 4) Poster - Basic.

[Attendees and presenters please register here.](#)

For all additional information please visit canr.msu.edu/psgsrs

Genetics & Genome Sciences Mini-Symposium - May 10, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, MPS

The MSU Genetics & Genome Sciences (GGS) Program is hosting our annual mini-symposium entitled “Precision Genomics: Beating Big Data Bottlenecks”. This symposium hopes to inspire with discussion on how the latest technology is being used to generate and integrate data sources for improved genomics research in humans, animals and plants. This year’s invited speakers are Luiz Brito (Purdue University), Molly Jahn (DARPA), Arjun Krishnan (Michigan State University), Abner Louissaint Jr. (Harvard Medical School), James Schnable (University of Nebraska-Lincoln), Addie Thompson (Michigan State University).

The symposium will be held on Tuesday, May 10th, 8:00am-5:00pm in the Molecular Plant Sciences Building. A poster session will be held from 9:30am-10:30am, and we encourage participation from graduate students and post-docs (posters can be on any research topic and do not need to relate to the symposium).

There is no charge for the symposium, and lunch will be provided. Program and registration information is available at <https://ggs.natsci.msu.edu/events/symposia/2022-precision-genomics-beating-big-data-bottlenecks/>. We appreciate registrations so that we can plan appropriately for lunch and refreshments.

Submitting a service request? Plan ahead when possible

If you are planning to submit a service request for Summer 2022, don’t wait! Service request volumes are high and a longer lead time will help IPF serve you in a timely manner. You can submit a service request on the [IPF website](#).

COVID-19 Booster Clinic at Breslin Center

The next COVID-19 vaccine booster clinics is set for Monday, March 28th at the Breslin Center from 2:00-7:00 PM.

[March 17: Next COVID-19 booster clinics March 21, 28 at Breslin Center | TOGETHER WE WILL | Michigan State University \(msu.edu\)](#)

Announcements

Get free at-home COVID-19 tests

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. Starting this week, you can order an additional set of four tests free of charge. [Read more.](#)

Insurance Reimbursement for At-Home COVID Tests

<https://hr.msu.edu/news/coronavirus-benefit-resources.html>

Weekly Coronavirus Communications Updates

<https://msu.edu/together-we-will/communications/weekly-updates/>

Technology Training

<https://tech.msu.edu/support/training/>

Career Services Network

<https://careernetwork.msu.edu/events/>

Staff & Faculty Development / Training

<https://hr.msu.edu/professional-development/>

Job Announcements

<https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/listing/>

Travel

Travel@State

<https://ctrl.msu.edu/COTravelNew/default.aspx>

Concur Assistance

concurhelp@msu.edu

Travel Policies & Reimbursement Procedures

travel@ctrl.msu.edu or 517-355-5000

MSU Academic Calendar

<https://reg.msu.edu/roinfo/calendar/academic.aspx>

PSM Payroll Time Reporting

Due Date Reminders for **biweekly payroll** (includes labor and student)

Reminder: If your employee's time is not submitted, they will not be paid.

- For the April 8th pay date (for time worked from March 13-26) your time is due by Tuesday, March 29th.
- For the April 22nd pay date (for time worked from March 27-April 9) your time is due by Tuesday, April 12th.
- For the May 6th pay date (for time worked from (April 10-23) your time is due by Tuesday, April 26th.

Newsletter Submissions

Send newsletter submissions to **AnnMarie Guldner** at guldner1@msu.edu

Deadline: Thursdays by 10:00 AM