

# Spring 2026 Plant Pathology (PLP894)

Seminar Series Mondays 1.30-2.30pm, PSSB 271

Date	Speaker	Title
2/16/2026	<b>Dr. Carolina Mazo Molina</b> Rojas lab	From Tomato to Cotton: My Plant Pathology Journey Through Bacterial Effectors, Resistance Genes, and Disease Prediction.
2/23/2026	<b>Vera Soucy</b> Sundin lab	Assessment of Kasugamycin Sensitivity in <i>Erwinia amylovora</i> Isolates from Michigan Orchards
3/2/2026	<b>Spring break</b>	
3/9/2026	<b>Fidel Jimenez Beitia</b> Chilvers lab	From the Tropics to the Corn Belt: Exploring Tar Spot Dynamics Across Regions
3/16/2026	<b>Matthew John</b> Hausbeck lab	Airborne Inoculum Dynamics of <i>Stemphylium vesicarium</i> and the Role of Barley Cover Crops in Michigan Onion Systems
3/23/2026	<b>Dr. Sara Thomas-Sharma</b> Plant Path. and Crop Physiology/ Louisiana State University	Micro- to Macro-scale: Using Epidemiological Insights to Improve Soybean Disease Management
3/30/2026	<b>Sharon Badilla</b> Gleason lab, Iowa State University	Exploring Bacteriophages for Control of Bacterial Wilt of Cucurbits (SPORE graduate student exchange)
4/6/2026	<b>Ethan Wachendorf</b> Chilvers lab	Oak Wilt Susceptibility, Symptoms, and Sap Flow: Host Responses to <i>Bretziella fagacearum</i> in Cut Stumps and Standing Red Oaks
4/13/2026	<b>Sanju Bijarniya</b> Hulin lab	Evolution of Pathogenicity in <i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> (Pss) on Blueberry: Genomic Insights, Toxin Roles, and Fungal Interactions
4/20/2026	<b>Vikram Kumbala</b> Hanson lab	Understanding Phenotypic and Genotypic Variation Within <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> AG 2-2
4/27/2026	<b>Pranav Sri Maddi</b> Hanson lab	Seedling diseases of sugar beet caused by <i>Fusarium</i> species



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