IMPORTANT
Please email Nick Pardikes (nickpardikes@gmail.com) with your email address as soon as possible. It is critical that you receive emails from this class.

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COURSE FORMAT
Lectures by visiting scholars

TIME
Thursday, 4:00–4:50 PM

LOCATION
Davidson Math and Science (DMS) 103

OBJECTIVES
There are two primary objectives for the courses:
1. to provide students with an overview of current research that is being done in the fields of ecology, evolution, and conservation biology, and
2. to provide opportunities for students to meet one-on-one with visiting scholars.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
1. Students will effectively assess 10 professional scientific presentations.
2. Students will critique the science presented by visiting scientists.
3. Students will gain the ability to understand and summarize complex ideas in ecology, evolution and conservation biology that have been communicated orally
4. Students will gain strategies for organizing scientific colloquia.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
You are required to attend a minimum of **10** of the lectures and take notes at each lecture. You then use those notes to complete a **TYPED** standard notebook entry (see website). Required information for each talk includes the name of the speaker, the title of the seminar, the major points, and a critique of the seminar.

Students are *strongly* encouraged to attend the receptions for the speakers following the talks. They provide excellent opportunities to meet visiting scholars in an informal setting.

**Substitutions:** If you are unable to meet the attendance requirement due to an academic conflict (e.g. conference, field work), please make arrangements *in advance* with Nick to determine a suitable requirement substitution.

**GRADING**

Students fulfilling the course requirements will receive an S in this pass/fail class. Notebook entries should be at a scientific standard similar to or greater than the samples you will receive by email.

**ASSIGNMENT DUE DATES**

Journals should be submitted to Nick as a **single** email attachment. **PLEASE READ THIS.**

Please put your last name in the subject line of your email and as the document name.

*9 February 2017: The first journal entry is due by noon.* This first journal entry should include one entry from 8 September 2016. This first entry is intended to give you feedback and guidance for improved journals for the remainder of the course. Turning in the first journal is not optional and 20% will be subtracted from your final grade if it is not submitted.

*11 May 2017: All remaining notebook entries are due by noon (single email attachment).*

*Late journals:* 10% per 24 hours (except holidays) will be deducted from late assignments, and assignments will not be graded if late more than seven days.

**OFFICE HOURS**

Students can meet with the instructors casually before or after the seminars or by appointment. Appointments can be made with instructors by contacting them directly via phone or email.

**DISABILITIES**

The Biology Department is committed to equal opportunity in education for all students, including those with physical or learning disabilities. Any student with a disability needing academic adjustments or accommodations is requested to speak with me or the Disability Resource Center (Thompson Building Suite 101) as soon as possible to make appropriate arrangements.

**SEMINAR SCHEDULE**

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