BIOL 492
Biology Seminar
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Welcome to Biology Seminar! This course is taken as credit/no credit only. To pass the course, and earn credit, you must submit at least 8 write-ups of acceptable quality to me. Each write-up should run 1-2 pages and include an introduction, body of text and a conclusion. Be sure to include any hypotheses or other major point made by the speaker. Also you must include at least one question from the audience, as well as the speaker’s response. The speaker’s name, as well as the title and date of their talk should be listed at the top of your paper.

All papers are to be submitted to me via email by 5 PM the following Sunday (48 hours after the seminar ends). I will offer comments on your papers and return these the following week. If your paper is not up to standard, I will require you to make improvements and re-submit before you earn credit. Although it is not required that you attend all seminars, I encourage you to do so and suggest you avoid waiting until late in the semester to get started with the write-ups.

All seminars will be announced on the department web-site and via postings across from the department office. Enjoy our seminar series!

Response Papers:

• 1-2 pages, Microsoft Word Docs only!
• Prose format, no bullet points
• Speaker’s name, title and date of lecture listed at top
• Summary of lecture content, important hypotheses and findings, and further reflections
• Include at least one question asked by the audience, as well as the speaker’s response
• Submit electronically via Blackboard or email by 5pm the Sunday after the lecture (2 days later)
• Inadequate reports will be returned for possible re-submission
• Complete 8 response papers by the end of the semester