

**PLANT SOIL  
& MICROBIAL  
SCIENCE  
DEPARTMENT**



## Seminars/Webinars

**March 14, 2022 at 1:30 PM**

**Spring PLP 894 Seminar**

Presenter: **Nancy Sharma**

Title: Assessment of fungicide resistance of Grape powdery mildew and Grape downy mildew populations in vineyards of the Great Lakes region in the United States of America

Room 162 Food Safety and Toxicology Building (Hybrid Format)

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

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**March 17, 2022 from 12:00-1:30 PM**

**Intercultural CANR: Hear Our Voices**

Join us as we discuss the challenges and opportunities of Chinese Faculty and Staff in the agriculture and natural resources field.

Panelists:

**Dr. Wei Zhang**, Associate Department Chair and Associate Professor  
Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences

**Dr. Jianping Hu**, Professor, Plant Research Laboratory and Plant Biology  
Department and the Director of the Molecular Plant Sciences Graduate Program

**Dr. Wei Liao**, Professor and Director, Anaerobic Digestion Research and  
Education Center

**Dr. Linlang He**, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Environmental Science and  
Policy Program

Please see the attached flyer regarding registration

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**March 17, 2022 at 4:10 PM**

**HORT/PSM Spring Seminar Series**

Presenter: **Dionardo Pizana**, MSU

Title: TBD

PSSB A149 (Hybrid Format)

## Seminars/Webinars

**March 21, 2022 at 1:30 PM**

**Spring PLP 894 Seminar**

Presenter: **John Spafford**

Title: Evaluating new fungicides with the TOMCAST forecasting model to limit *Stemphylium vesicarium* on asparagus fern

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**March 24, 2022 at 4:10 PM**

**HORT/PSM Spring Seminar Series**

Presenter: **Dr. Francesca Cotrufo**, Colorado State University

Title: TBD

PSSB A149 (Hybrid Format)

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**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

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**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)

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**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

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**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)

## Seminars/Webinars

**April 11, 2022 at 1:30 PM**

**Spring PLP 894 Seminar**

**Presenter: Ethan Tippett**

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

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**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)

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**April 28, 2022 at 4:10 PM**

**HORT/PSM Spring Seminar**

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

Title: TBD

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## Announcements

### Upcoming PCard Program Changes Effective March 1, 2022

<https://upl.msu.edu/pcard/#:-:text=Policy%20and%20process%20improvements%20to,to%20providing%20excellent%20service%20experiences.>

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### Join ACRS for their Monthly Meeting & Cookie Decorating Friday, March 4, 2022 at 4:00 PM

MPS Atrium

Enjoy a cookie and connect with fellow students!

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### IPF Building Notice:: Monthly Generator Testing

PBL March 7 6:15-7:15 AM

<https://ipf.msu.edu/notices/all-buildings-have-monthly-generator-testing>

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### IPF Building Notice: Red Water Notice

March 7-11, 2022

<https://ipf.msu.edu/notices/campus-wide-red-water-notice>

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### Woman's Day Virtual Event: Breaking the Bias

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 2:00-3:30 PM

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/international-women-s-day-virtual-event-breaking-the-bias>

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The MSU Graduate Women In Science are seeking presenters and volunteers for Girls Math and Science Day 2022 held on Saturday, May 21st, 2022 from 1-5pm. The event is an opportunity for middle school girls to participate in science demonstrations while working with enthusiastic graduate students and researchers. The day is composed of four 30-minute sessions where girls participate in hands-on workshops on a range of topics in science. Please note that GMSD 2022 will likely be held outdoors; activities should be engineered with this in mind.

For those interested in submitting an activity and presenting a workshop, please fill out this form (<https://forms.gle/vzUemgVsFGKrxk639>). For those interested in volunteering, please fill out this form (<https://forms.gle/3ageBEopaMjRujEy9>).

If you have not completed a Background Check Form in the past year you must fill out the attached Background Check Form and upload it in the Google Form. The deadline for signing up to present an activity is Friday, March 18th, 2022.

If you want more information, please email MSU Graduate Women in Science at [gmsd.gwis.msu@gmail.com](mailto:gmsd.gwis.msu@gmail.com) and we look forward to your participation!

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### Insurance Reimbursement for At-Home COVID Tests

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

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### Weekly Coronavirus Communications Updates

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

## Announcements

### Technology Training

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

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### Complimentary On-Campus Parking Extended

<https://police.msu.edu/parking-services/visitor-parking/>

## 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/>

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### USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station, Rhinelander, WI Research Geneticist GS-0440-12/13

This outreach is an early alert to inform potential applicants that the USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station ([www.nrs.fs.fed.us](http://www.nrs.fs.fed.us)) will soon be advertising for 1 permanent, full-time GS-0440-12/13 Research Geneticist. The position will be located at the Institute for Applied Ecosystems in Rhinelander, WI ([www.nrs.fs.fed.us/units/iaes/](http://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/units/iaes/)). See flyer attached to this newsletter.

## Travel

Travel@State <https://ctrl.msu.edu/COTravelNew/>

### TRAVEL SUPPORT CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Travel related questions: [travel@ctrl.msu.edu](mailto:travel@ctrl.msu.edu)
- Concur and Expense related questions: [concurhelp@ctrl.msu.edu](mailto:concurhelp@ctrl.msu.edu)

## 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 March 25<sup>th</sup> pay date (for time worked from February 27-March 12) your time is due by Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- For the April 8<sup>th</sup> pay date (for time worked from March 13-26) your time is due by Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- For the April 22<sup>nd</sup> pay date (for time worked from March 27-April 9) your time is due by Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Newsletter Submissions

Send newsletter submissions to AnnMarie Guldner at [guldner1@msu.edu](mailto:guldner1@msu.edu)  
Deadline: Thursdays by 10:00 AM