



# Announcements & Updates

- **Special Topics in Genetics Seminar Series: The Genetics of Aging**
  - January 22, 2018 (Monday) at 4pm in 2117 MERF “Central control of aging in *Drosophila*” - [Scott Pletcher, PhD](#), William H. Howell Collegiate Professor of Physiology; Professor, Molecular & Integrative Physiology, University of Michigan, School of Medicine
  - March 5, 2018 (Monday) at 4pm in 2117 MERF “Naked Ambition; Can we slow Aging?” - [Rochelle Buffenstein, PhD](#), Staff Scientist, California Life Company
  - March 26, 2018 (Monday) at 4pm in 2117 MERF “The Dog Aging Project: Can Old Dogs Teach Us New Tricks?” - [Daniel Promislow, PhD](#), Professor, Pathology, University of Washington
  - April 9, 2018 (Monday) at 4pm in 101 BBE “*Drosophila* as a model of human neurodegenerative disease: Insight into stress” - [Nancy Bonini, PhD](#), Florence R.C. Murray Professor, Biology, University of Pennsylvania
  - April 23, 2018 (Monday) at 4pm in 101 BBE “Stem cells, aging, and proteostasis: identifying interventions to extend life span” - [Heinrich Jasper, PhD](#), Staff Scientist, Immunology Discovery, Genentech, Inc.; Professor, Buck Institute for Research on Aging
  - April 30, 2018 (Monday) at 4pm in 101 BBE “Buying time: Adventures in Suspended Animation” - [Mark Roth, PhD](#), Principal Investigator, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- **Department of Biology Seminar Series**

Spring seminar schedule can be found [here](#)

Faculty Candidate Seminar: “Evolution of Experience—Dependent Brain Plasticity”  
[Bulent Ataman, PhD](#) - Harvard Medical School, Department of Neurobiology  
- January 18, 2018 at 4pm in 101 BBE, Kollros Auditorium
- **Student Seminar** dates are as follows. Lunch will be provided. Read [abstracts](#).
  - February 5, 2018 (Monday) at 11:00am - 12:00pm, 1117 MERF: [Melissa Marchal](#) & [Alyssa Hahn](#)
  - March 5, 2018 (Monday) at 11:00am - 12:00pm, 1117 MERF: [Matt Cring](#) & [Kim Bekas](#)
  - April 2, 2018 (Monday) at 11:00am - 12:00pm, 1117 MERF: [Sophie Gaynor](#) & [Stephanie Haase](#)
  - May 14, 2018 (Monday) at 11:00am - 12:00pm, 1117 MERF: [Emily Fox](#) & [Wes Goar](#)
- **Pain Interest Group, Laboratory Work-in-Progress presentations**  
[Kitamoto](#) Lab: [Patrick Lansdon](#) & [James Mrkvicka](#)  
- March 22, 2018 (Thursday) at 4pm in 2-322 BSB (Gross Reading Room)
- **Jakobsen Memorial Graduate Conference**  
Dan Eberl, PhD (Program Director) would like to encourage you to dust off your poster from the Genetics Retreat, and submit it to the [James F. Jakobsen Memorial Graduate Conference](#). This is an excellent way to capitalize on the effort that you put into preparing your poster already, and another presentation that you can put on your CV. Please note that presentation at this conference is required for some of you—if you have been awarded a Graduate College fellowship (Ballard/Seashore, Post-comps, Pre-comps URM, etc) please check the terms of the award for this requirement.  
- March 24, 2018 at the Iowa Memorial Union