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# Spring 2026 Seminar Schedule

**4 PM, Moulton Hall 210**

Date	Speaker	Title	Host
2/26	Brooke Allen (PhD Defense)	Transcriptional regulation of p38Kb during oxidative and environmental stress resistance in <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	Mortimer/Nietlisbach
3/3 Tuesday	Jaclyn Everly (PhD Defense)	Unintended consequences of larviciding and predation on <i>Culex</i> mosquito populations	Juliano
3/5	Kelly Miller (Ball State)	Sending the right signals: investigating the role of coloration in parental investment	Thompson
3/12		<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	
3/19	Maren Vitousek (Cornell)	Coping with stress: from mechanisms to evolutionary consequences	Phi Sigma (Weigel Seminar)
3/26	Santiago Claramunt (U of New Orleans)	How flight shapes the ecology and evolution of birds	Vidal-Gadea
4/2 Tuesday	Jimena Golcher-Benavides (Hope College)	Evolutionary ecology of Lake Tanganyika cichlids	Duque
4/9		<b>NO SEMINAR</b>	
4/16		<b>NO SEMINAR Phi Sigma Symposium 4/17</b>	
4/23	Michelle Bedenbaugh (U of Florida)	Beyond the hypothalamus: How MC3R limbic circuitry impacts feeding, stress and anxiety-like behaviors	Nolan
4/30	Ignacio Moore (Virginia Tech)	Social interactions, genes, and testosterone in manakins: what can we learn from neotropical birds with unique mating and social systems	Rodriguez-Saltos
5/7	Daniel Anstett (Cornell)	Evolutionary rescue during extreme drought	Lopez Goldar