

Biology Research Days - Detailed Schedule

Thursday's schedule

all day	Judges preview posters	
12:30 p.m.	Grad lunch with Dr. Pam Padilla	CAST Room 1420 (PiBBs)
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Special Seminar: Dr. Rob Miller, CAST Room 100	<i>Ancient conservation and evolutionary plasticity in cells of the immune system</i>

Friday's schedule

all day	BGSA Silent Auction and Bake Sale	CAST Greenhouse
all day	MSB Display Table	CAST Lobby
8:30–9:30 a.m.	Session 1 Student Talks	CAST Room 55
	Diego DeMmon	<i>Diversity of the T Cell Receptor Repertoire in Lungfish (Dipnoi)</i>
	Anthony Abeyta-Lopez	<i>Defining the Correlation of Estrogen Receptor Alpha mRNA and Protein Expressions Following HIV-Latency Reversal Agents (LRAs) Treatment</i>
	Danielle Vigil	<i>Tetraspanin CD82 regulates EGFR localization in response to chemotherapy in AML</i>
	Claire Doherty	<i>New Insights into Early T Lymphocyte-Mediated Immunity to Toxoplasma gondii</i>
8:45–9:30 a.m.	Session 2 Student Talks	CAST Room 51
	Anastasia Pittis	<i>Through the Lens of the Microbiome: How the External Microbiota of Bats Changes After the Arrival of WNS</i>
	Abigail Granath	<i>Stress Resistance of Root-Associated Fungi to Heat and Desiccation</i>
	Alana Robinson	<i>Amino Acid Metabolism in Southern Sea Otters</i>
9:30-10:00 a.m.	Coffee Break	CAST Greenhouse
10:15–11:00 a.m.	Session 3 Student Talks	CAST Room 55
	Aurora Kraus	<i>Olfactory detection of viruses shapes brain immunity and behavior</i>
	Gonzalo Morales Chaya	<i>Transcription factor AP-2 expressed in Drosophila Type II Neuroblast Lineages Regulates Central Complex Brain Formation and Sleep Behavior</i>
	Alexander Achusim	<i>High throughput automation of <i>C. elegans</i> lifespan experiments</i>
10:00–11:00 a.m.	Session 4 Student Talks	CAST Room 51
	Quin Baine	<i>Eurytoma parasitoid specialization in two co-occurring sister Tephritidae gallers</i>
	Ethan Gyllenhaal	<i>History of a discontinuous contact zone of Bell's Vireos on the Rio Grande</i>
	David Tan	<i>Visualising and quantifying the effects of Pleistocene sea level change on island archipelagos</i>
	Jade McLaughlin	<i>NATIVE BEE PHENOLOGY: How phenological traits relate to bee life history, phylogeny, and year-to-year abundance in the Chihuahuan Desert, New Mexico, USA</i>

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Buffet Lunch	CAST Basement
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Session 1 Student Posters	CAST 1st floor
	Brenda Ramos (#1)	<i>Detection of avian malaria in Peru using microscopic examination</i>

	Ben Garcia (#3)	<i>Discovery of lymphocyte aggregates in the nasal cavity of rainbow trout and their role in immune responses to nasal vaccines</i>
	Ryan Ozatarlar (#5)	<i>The Biogeochemical Role of Microbes in Lava Caves</i>
	Naija Cuzmar (#7)	<i>Pathogen prevalence across the geographic distribution range of Southern Leopard Frogs (<i>Rana sphenoccephala</i>)</i>
	Huachan Liang (#9)	<i>Population genetics of sand shiner (<i>Notropis stramineus</i>) across the Great Plains</i>
	Carolina Valderrama (#11)	<i>Growing five different species of <i>Symbiotaphrina</i>; a genus of fungi in the phylum Ascomycota</i>
	Trinity Casaus (#13)	<i>Cryptic Sexual Dimorphism in Sandhill Crane Tracheae</i>
	Emi Casares (#15)	<i>Galls on Galls: Community ecology of ectogaller midge <i>Rhopalomyia</i> on <i>Aciurina bigloviae</i> galls</i>
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Session 2 Student Posters	CAST 1st floor
	Daisy Belmares-Ortega (#2)	<i>Developing a Centrifugal Hydrogel Method of Liver Spheroid Formation for Hepatotoxicity Assays</i>
	Julian Rojo (#4)	<i>Interrogation of immune checkpoint signaling dynamics through single molecule imaging</i>
	Victoria Castillo (#6)	<i>Impairment of Executive Function and Neuronal Expression following Prenatal Alcohol Exposure</i>
	Frances Twohig (#8)	<i>SARS-CoV-2 infection elicits variable antibody titers in convalescent patients</i>
	Teah Amirkabirian (#10)	<i>Severe COVID-19 and Mortality in Hospitalized Patients is Characterized by Elevated SARS-CoV-2 Viral Loads</i>
	Danika Nelson (#12)	<i>Effects of Prenatal Ethanol Exposure on Histamine H3 Receptor-Effector Coupling and Sigma1 Receptor Modulation of Histamine H3 Receptor Function</i>
	Cory Henn (#14)	<i>Impact of enterobacterial infections on the nervous system</i>
	Aysu Nora Caglar (#16)	<i>Molecular Mechanisms That Regulate Fate Specification of Dorsal Fan-Shaped Body (dFB) Neurons in <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i></i>
12:30-2:30 p.m.	Open Lab Tours	
12:30-1:00	Rudgers Lab, 252 CAST	Animal Ecology, Conservation Biology, Evolutionary Biology, Global Change Biology, Microbial Ecology, Physiological Ecology, Plant Biology, Population Genetics & Phylogenetics, Riparian Ecology, Terrestrial Ecology, Theoretical Biology
1:00-1:30	Taylor Lab, 3545 CAST	Evolutionary ecology of plant-microbe interactions; fungal biodiversity
1:00-1:30	Smith Lab, 107 CAST	Animal Ecology, Historic Ecology, Paleoecology, Terrestrial Ecology, Vertebrate Biology
1:30-2:00	Takacs-Vesbach Lab, 3540 CAST	Aquatic Ecology, Microbial Ecology, Terrestrial Ecology
1:30-2:00	Newsome Lab/Center for Stable Isotopes, PAIS 1315	Animal Ecology, Physiological Ecology, Vertebrate Biology
2:00-2:30	V. Martinson Lab, 255 CAST	Genetics, Invertebrate Biology, Microbial Ecology, Microbiology
2:00-2:30	E. Martinson Lab, 255 CAST	Computational Biology & Genomics, Evolutionary Biology, Invertebrate Biology, Molecular Evolution
3:00-4:00 p.m.	Keynote Seminar: Dr. Pam Padilla, CAST 100	<i>The nematode <i>C. elegans</i> as a model for human health related issues</i>
4:00-6:00 p.m.	Student Scholarships & Awards Ceremony	50/50 Coffeehouse, 2122 Central Ave SE