



## Department of Biology

### SPRING 2026 SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Seminars are at 3:30pm in Kollros Auditorium (Room 101, Biology Building East) unless otherwise noted.

Seminar flyers are posted in advance on the Biology website at: <https://biology.uiowa.edu/events/annual-seminar-series>

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Date	Day	Speaker	Host	Title/Notes
January 23	Fri	<b>Dakota McCoy, Ph.D.</b> The University of Chicago Biological Sciences Division	GSSC and Maurine Neiman	<b>Raymond Fong Memorial Lecture</b> "The body politic: coral reefs and human pregnancy"
January 30	Fri	<b>Erin Davies, Ph.D.</b> National Cancer Institutes of Health (NIH) National Cancer Institute's Center for Cancer Research	Tina Tootle	"Acquisition of whole-body regenerative abilities during development"
February 6	Fri	<b>Atulya Iyengar, Ph.D.</b> The University of Alabama Department of Biological Sciences	Chun-Fang Wu	<b>Barbara Stay Biology Alumna Seminar</b>
February 13	Fri	<b>Maurine Neiman, Ph.D.</b> The University of Iowa Department of Biology	John Logsdon	TBA
February 20	Fri	<b>Douglas Houston, Ph.D.</b> The University of Iowa Department of Biology	Bryan Phillips	TBA
February 27	Fri	<b>Mohini Sengupta, Ph.D.</b> Saint Louis University Department of Biology	Anne Martin	"Decoding motor coordination: Insights from spinal networks"
March 6	Fri	<b>John Manak, Ph.D.</b> The University of Iowa Department of Biology	Steven Green	TBA
March 13	Fri	<b>No Seminar</b>		<b>No Seminar</b>
March 20	Fri	<b>No Seminar</b>		<b>Spring Break</b>
March 27	Fri	<b>TBD</b>		TBA
April 3	Fri	<b>TBD</b>		TBA
April 10	Fri	<b>Aaron Scherer</b> The University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine <b>Tara Smith</b> Kent State University College of Public Health <b>Peter Hotez</b> Baylor College of Medicine	Maurine Neiman	<b>Darwin Day</b> <b>First seminar begins at 3:00pm</b> For a list of all Darwin Day speakers and events, visit <a href="http://iowacitydarwinday.org">iowacitydarwinday.org</a>
April 17	Fri	<b>James Bear, Ph.D.</b> UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine Department of Cell Biology and Physiology	Katheryn Rothenberg	TBA
April 24	Fri	<b>Jinkyung Kim, Ph.D.</b> Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine Dept. of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery	Cathy Yea Won Sung	TBA
May 1	Fri	<b>Heather Hines, Ph.D.</b> The Pennsylvania State University Department of Biology	Andrew Forbes	TBA
May 7	Thu	<b>Department Awards Ceremony</b>		
May 8	Fri	<b>Anne Carlson, Ph.D.</b> University of Pittsburgh Department of Biological Sciences	Maurine Neiman and Doug Houston	TBA