Guidelines for Genetics Student Seminar  
2015-2016

1) Attendance is mandatory:

   a) Each student who is conducting his or her research on the Stony Brook campus may be absent no more than two times in the Fall semester and three times in the Spring semester. Dr. Furie does not have to approve or even be notified of these absences. Any additional absences must be approved by Dr. Furie (in advance if possible). Please use your allotted absences wisely – additional absences will be approved only for truly exceptional circumstances. Unexcused absences beyond what is allowed will result in a grade of U.

   b) Students who are conducting their research at CSHL are expected to attend in-house seminars there. In addition, they must attend Student Seminar sessions as follows:

      • PhD candidates at CSHL must attend four events per year, chosen from the Student Seminar series (including the opening ‘Speed Science’ session) and the First-Year Student Symposium. MSTP students at CSHL must attend three events per year.

      • All CSHL students must attend at least one event per semester. That is, PhD candidates can attend two events each semester or, alternatively, three events in one semester and one event in the other. MSTP students must attend two events in one semester and one event in the other.

      • A CSHL student’s own presentation (including at the First-Year Student Symposium) counts as one attendance.

      • Failure to attend three or four sessions (as applicable) during the course of the year will result in a grade of U.

2) Arrive on time. We will start promptly at noon.

3) Any switches in the schedule must be cleared with Dr. Furie.

4) Seminar titles must be emailed to Kate Bell (Kathryn.Bell@stonybrook.edu) at least two weeks before the seminar date, and the email must be copied to Dr. Furie (Martha.Furie@stonybrook.edu).

5) Students must send an email reminder to their mentors and dissertation committee members (if applicable) at least one week before the seminar. This email must be copied to Dr. Furie.

6) Speakers should pick up the key to Room 038, a laser pointer, and a Mac adapter (if needed) from Carol Brekke in the Microbiology main office (LSB Rm 130). A cable to connect a laptop to the projector is not needed; one is already in place in the room. Speakers should arrive in Rm 038 well in advance so that any AV problems can be resolved before noon.

7) Presentations should be no longer than 45-50 minutes.

8) All students must turn in a completed speaker evaluation form to Dr. Furie after every seminar. These will be used to verify attendance and therefore must be signed, but names will be removed before passing them on to the speaker.

9) Dr. Furie will send scanned evaluation comments to the speaker shortly after his or her talk.

10) Every student is expected to ask at least one question or make one comment each semester.