PCB 6695 POPBIO  
(aka Seminar Evolutionary Biology)  
FALL 2015

Course Registration  
1 credit  
To register, contact Tangelyn Mitchell tney0726@ufl.edu or Susan Spaulding susancic@ufl.edu

Meeting Time and Location  
Fridays, period 9 (4:05 - 4:55 pm), Carr 222

Course Summary  
PopBio is a forum for graduate students across campus to present work in progress and get feedback from colleagues. Each week one student gives an informal research seminar. Recent topics have included molecular population genetics, quantitative genetics, the evolution of genome architecture, and phylogenetics. Students gain experience in presenting research, critically evaluating research, and the breadth of research in evolutionary biology going on here at UF.

Instructor  
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Course Requirements  
Attend all scheduled class meetings. If you must miss a class meeting, please inform the instructor in advance that you will be absent. Three or more absences from the class will constitute a failing grade for the course unless there are clear extenuating circumstances.

Every member of the class must participate in every discussion. It is not enough to be present and just listen to the discussion. This is a literature based class and students are expected to read the scheduled paper prior to the class and be prepared to participate in a critical discussion of all aspects of the paper.

Grading  
Students will be graded based on attendance and participation (20 points), class presentation (100 points) and presentation aids (30 points) for a total of 150.

Grades for this course will be assigned according to established university policy.  
90-100 = A  85-89 = B+  80-84 = B  75-79 = C+  70-74 = C  65-69 = D+  60-64 = D  <60 = E

Information on current UF grading policies can be found at:  
https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx
**Proposed Schedule of Classes**

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**Academic Honesty**

As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code, which includes the following pledge: *“We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.”* You are expected to exhibit behavior consistent with this commitment to the UF academic community, and on all work submitted for credit at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: *“On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.”*

It is assumed that you will complete all work independently in each course unless the instructor provides explicit permission for you to collaborate on course tasks (e.g. assignments, papers, quizzes, exams). Furthermore, as part of your obligation to uphold the Honor Code, you should report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated. Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For more information regarding the Student Honor Code, please see: [http://www.dso.ufl.edu/SCCR/honorcodes/honorcode.php](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/SCCR/honorcodes/honorcode.php)
Software Use
All faculty, staff and students of the university are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

Campus Helping Resources:
Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general well-being are encouraged to utilize the university’s counseling resources. The Counseling & Wellness Center provides confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career or academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance.

- **University Counseling & Wellness Center**, 3190 Radio Road, 352-392-1575, [www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc](http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc)
  - Counseling Services
  - Groups and Workshops
  - Outreach and Consultation
  - Self-Help Library
  - Training Programs
  - Community Provider Database
- **Career Resource Center**, First Floor JWRU, 392-1601, [www.crc.ufl.edu](http://www.crc.ufl.edu)

Services for Students with Disabilities
The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

- **Dean of Students**, 001 Reid Hall, 352-392-8565, [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc)