



# Department of Biology

April 20, 2022

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

## 2022 Biology Graduate Symposium

The 2022 UVic Biology Graduate Student Symposium was held in person on April 7th and 8th. The event was a huge success thanks to collaboration among more than 30 graduate students on the organizing team. Graduate student presenters were cheered on by fellow students, faculty, and the public while sharing their current research along themes of Ecology and Evolution, Neuroscience, Cell and Molecular Biology, Forest Biology, and Marine Biology.

### PhD Category

1. Harley Gordon (Forest Biology)
2. Viktorie Kolatkova (Marine Biology)
3. Shea Wyatt (Marine Biology)

### MSc Category

1. Matthew Csordas (Marine Biology)
2. Hayley Barnes (Neuroscience, Cell, and Molecular Biology)
3. Kathleen Innes (Marine Biology)

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## Biology Seminars

### Biology

**Laura Hanson**

PhD Exit Seminar

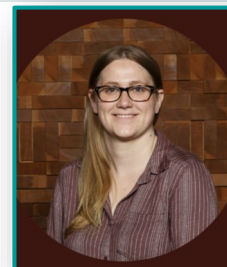
Department of Biology, UVic

“Mechanisms and circuitry underlying direction selectivity in the mouse retina”

MSB 150

3:30 pm

Supervisor: Dr. Gautam Awatramani



## Calendar

### Important Dates:

**Friday, April 29**

Examinations end for all faculties

**2022/2023 Official academic year begins**

**Wednesday, May 4th**

May-August courses begin for all faculties

**Friday, May 6th**

Senate meets

**Monday, May 9th**

May and May-June courses begin

**Monday, May 16th**

Last day for Faculty of Law course changes

**Tuesday, May 17th**

Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in summer

**Monday, May 23rd**

Victoria Day

**Thursday, May 26th**

Senate Committee on Academic Standards meets to approve Convocation lists

**Tuesday, May 31st**

Fees deadlines for summer. See undergraduate and graduate add and drop dates for standard summer courses



## Biology Announcements

### Congratulations to Biology Graduate Students who successfully defended in April, 2022

Camille Giuliano MSc

“Holocene Fire Regimes And Links To Climate And Vegetation History On Pender Island, British Columbia, Canada”

Supervisor: Dr. Terri Lacourse



Laura Hanson PhD

“Mechanisms and circuitry underlying direction selectivity in the mouse retina”

Supervisor: Dr. Gautam Awatramani



Lia Chalifour PhD

“Nearshore habitat use, estuarine residency, and conservation priorities for Pacific Salmon in the Fraser River, British Columbia”

Supervisor: Dr. Julia Baum



## Biology Announcements

### Biology Graduate Students Upcoming oral examinations

**Yalin Liu MSc**

"CRISPR/Cas9 Mutation of MYB134 and MYB115 To Study Regulation and Functions of Proanthocyanidins in Poplar Roots"

Supervisor: Dr. Peter Constabel

Monday April 25th

1:00 PM

CLE B007



If you have stories or announcements that you would like to share in the Biology newsletter, please email: Jennie Bartosik at [biology@uvic.ca](mailto:biology@uvic.ca) or Laura Alcaraz-Sehn at [bioclerk@uvic.ca](mailto:bioclerk@uvic.ca)



## UVic Announcements

### UVic Library Faculty and Instructors Newsletter

[The UVic Library Faculty and Instructors News letter April](#) edition is available now and you can find some of the following information: Decolonizing descriptions, Reduced author processing charges, Students save money with eBooks, Altmetric Explorer and more.

[Archives](#)

[Sign up to UVic Library Faculty and Instructors Newsletter](#)



### Improve your quantitative skills

Adjunct Assistant Professor Andrew Edwards has recently co-authored an e-book with Drs. Kim Cuddington and Brian Ingalls (University of Waterloo) titled "Building Skills in Quantitative Biology", freely available at <https://www.quantitative-biology.ca/>

It is aimed at biology students and professionals who want to improve their quantitative and computational skills. There are five independent modules, covering GitHub, R Markdown, machine learning, multivariate analysis, and optimization. It was developed with a commitment to web accessibility to be available to as many learners as possible.

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