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)
Biology Seminars

Biology
Laura Hanson
PhD Exit Seminar
Department of Biology, UVic
“Mechanisms and circuitry underlaying direction selectivity in the mouse retina”
MSB 150
3:30 pm
Supervisor: Dr. Gautam Awatramani

Calendar

Important Dates:
Friday, April 29
2022/2023 Official academic year begins
Wednesday, May 4th
Friday, May 6th
May-August courses begin for all faculties
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 underlaying 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 or Laura Alcaraz-Sehn at bioclerk@uvic.ca

UVic Announcements

UVic Library Faculty and Instructors Newsletter
The UVic Library Faculty and Instructors Newsletter 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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