

CHEM 621 – Biochemistry Seminar

Course Guidelines

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(a) Seminar topics will be chosen by the speaker and approved by me at least three (3) weeks in advance of the seminar.

(b) We are focusing on emerging/new science, and we aim to cast a broad net with regard to the type of science presented in the seminar series. What is critical is that the work to be presented is solid.

(c) Our main mission is to educate – ourselves and especially the audience.

(d) We are not presenting reviews of a field - we are focusing on the primary science literature.

(e) Some publications to get ideas for topics: *Science*, *Nature*, *TIBS* (Trends in Biochemical Science), *Annual Review of Biochemistry*, *Current Topics in Biochemical Research*, short mini-reviews in *JBC* - but there are many others.

(f) Speakers will give a practice talk to the full group prior to the scheduled seminar. Practice talks will be held on Monday evenings at 6 PM on the week of the seminar so that sufficient time is available to make changes if necessary.

(g) Speakers will provide a seminar abstract - no more than five (5) sentences - for distribution to the BCH group one (1) week in advance of your talk. The abstract is submitted to Cheryl Copley in the Chemistry Office. Include references to the paper(s) you will present.

(h) Speakers will submit a seminar title to Cheryl Copley in the Chemistry Office one (1) week in advance of the talk for inclusion in *ChemThisWeek*.

(i) Speakers will provide cookies during their seminars, to be placed at the back of the seminar room. The Chemistry Office will reimburse these costs if you request it (see Cheryl Copley).

(i) Speakers are responsible for posting placards one (1) week in advance of the talk in Stepan, Nieuwland and elsewhere on campus announcing their seminar.