SEMINAR ON REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY: BIOL ID&WS 551

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Course Overview
This course will be based on the Washington State University-University of Idaho Center for Reproductive Biology (CRB) research seminar series (http://crb.wsu.edu/upcomingseminars/calendar.html). One week before the seminar the class will meet to review papers by the speaker in preparation for the seminar. Students are responsible for searching and obtaining any relevant papers. After the seminar a 1 page (maximum) written synopsis of the seminar will be prepared and submitted for grading (due one week after each seminar). The primary outcome of this course is to develop an understanding of current topics in the field of reproductive biology. A secondary emphasis is learning to critically evaluate and describe scientific seminar presentations.

Class Meeting Locations and Schedule
The pre-seminar meetings will be held in MCCL 411 (UI- Moscow campus), the week before each seminar, at 3:30 pm (see schedule below). Seminars will be held in BLS 402 (WSU-Pullman campus) from 4:10 -5:00pm. The class schedule (incomplete) is listed below and is subject to change. You will be informed in advance of any alterations.

Date	Location	Time
01/15/15	MCCL 411	3:30pm
01/22/14	BLS 402: Dr. Courtney Meehan (Washington State Univ.) “Human cooperative breeding: A biocultural perspective”.	4:10pm
02/14	MCCL 411	3:30pm
02/14	TBD	4:10pm
03/05/14	MCCL 411	3:30pm
03/12/14	BLS 402: Dr. Jennifer Hernandez-Gifford (Oklahoma State University) “TBA”	4:10pm
04/14	MCCL 411	3:30pm
04/14	TBD	4:10pm

Grading Scheme
Since this class is based on the CRB seminars attendance is mandatory. The final grade will be assigned as Pass (**P**) or Fail (**F**). A letter grade of *A*, *B*, or *C* will be assigned to each written synopsis. A **P** grade for the course will be assigned if all seminars are attended and all written assignments have letter grades of *A* or *B*. Two assignments with a *C* letter grade or a missed seminar will denote an **F** grade.