

Immunology Journal Club / Student Research Colloquium (Immuno 815) 2016-2017

Hello Everyone and Welcome to a New Year of Immunology 815!

- **Location:** (Fall) 5330 Med Sci I (John Jacob Abel Lecture Hall) & (Winter) 3330 (Minor J. Coon Lecture Hall)
- **Time:** 12:00-1:00 p.m. Wednesdays
- **Length:** You should plan your presentation to last approximately 45 minutes without questions. The issue here is not time (that is, speaking very slowly doesn't count), the issue is CONTENT. You have choices; for example, you could present a single long paper, or you could compare and contrast two complementary or competing papers. I want to keep this format flexible to have the series more interesting, but if you have an idea that you are excited about but not sure whether it will work, run it by me. It is always interesting to add some relevant unpublished primary data to the presentation if you have it. The objective here is a 45 minute Immunology Learning Experience/Discussion.
- **Format:** 2nd year students will present a journal club. 3rd, 4th, and 5th year students, as well as postdoctoral fellows will present their research.
- **For all presentations, the mentor will attend the presentation, introduce the student, and also offer feedback to the presenter after the journal club/research seminar is over. Additionally, it is expected that the student will arrange to have their thesis committee attend their research presentation.**
- **Two (for postdocs) or Three (students) faculty reviewers, who have been alphabetically assigned, will also attend your talk and offer you feedback on your research presentation.**
- The background information should not be overly basic - it can start basic and then move forward, ultimately pointing to the hypothesis/objective of the paper. The background should serve as a didactic lecture of where the field stands.
- If you need to switch dates with someone, try to switch with someone from your year if possible, and be sure to **immediately** let Zarinah know (zaquil@umich.edu) so that she may facilitate the swap.
- Everyone needs to submit an abstract of their presentation to Zarinah (in plain text format) a week before their scheduled talk so that she may distribute it with the weekly e-mail announcement. If you are presenting a JC, please provide a PDF file of the paper. If you are presenting your research, please provide a title, short abstract of your work (minimum of 150 words), and references.
- A week in advance of your talk, each presenter will also be required to sign, date and return to Zarinah their **CME (Continuing Medical Education) Presenter Disclosure Form.**

Other Notes

JC:

1. Get your JC paper approved by both your mentor and Beth Moore.
2. Plan your presentation to last about 45 minutes without questions. That way, with a healthy discussion, we can hit the one hour mark.
3. Check with Zarinah about audiovisual issues for the room. The lecture halls do have a wireless microphone, LCD projector, and computer.
4. The paper must be available by Wednesday by noon the week before. We will continue to send out PDF files of the paper to our email list. Please have a nice, healthy introduction for your paper.
5. **MOST IMPORTANT:** please select a paper that is of broad general interest to an immunology audience. Your selection needs to be approved by both your mentor and me.

Research Talk:

1. The goal of this format is to present your project to an audience outside the lab and receive feedback. With public speaking, the more you do, the better you get.
2. If you are a 3rd year student, do not worry about not having enough data, you can present background information and the rationale for your project.
3. For all presentations, please make sure you have a sufficient introduction to bring a diverse audience up-to-speed with the background and the rationale of your project.
4. **BOTTOM LINE:** please prepare a talk that will last 45 minutes without questions. There is no excuse for a short talk due to lack of data. Remember, this is an **opportunity** for you to receive healthy, constructive feedback in a non-threatening environment. If you have any questions or need any advice please feel free to ask me.

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