

BIOLOGY 620
GRADUATE CORE SEMINAR FALL 2015

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- Goal 1:** To orient new students and provide information to assist them during their graduate career (e.g., regarding funding, choosing advisors).
- Goal 2:** To provide seminars on contemporary topics in marine biology to acquaint students with the variety of disciplines and techniques available to scientists working in the marine environment. Designed especially to stimulate new-to-the-program students to choose thesis topics.

Date	Speakers and Subjects
Aug 27	<u>Craig Plante: Surviving Grad School I</u>
Sept 3	<u>Pete Meier: GML Boat Training and Safety</u>
Sept 5 (Sat.)	<u>Grice Cove Kayaking (Pete Meier; optional)</u>
Sept 10	<u>Plante: Hunting jobs and doctoral programs, Networking</u>
Sept 17	<u>Meet GPMB faculty</u>
Sept 24	<u>Plante: Finding Funding & Grantsmanship Workshop</u>
Sept XX (Noon)	<u>Funding Workshop (optional)</u>
Oct 1	<u>Tour South Carolina Aquarium</u>
Oct 8	<u>Tour MRRI & meet faculty</u>
Oct 15	<u>Tour HML and meet faculty</u>
Oct 22	<u>Meet GPMB faculty from various labs/institutions</u>
Oct 29	<u>GPMB Student Panel: Surviving Grad School II</u>
Nov 5	<u>Tour CCEHBR and meet faculty</u>
Nov 12	<u>Thesis proposal, GPMB timeline</u>
Nov 19	<u>Jobs Panel (GPMB faculty & alumni: TBD)</u>
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 3	<u>Meet GPMB faculty</u>

Grading: Course grade will be determined by 1) attendance & participation in discussions, 2) attendance at FJ seminars (with collected notebook), and *possibly* 3) brief presentations of potential research topics.

GSO Professional Development Workshops

(see calendar at <http://gradschool.cofc.edu/> for more details)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Sept 17	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Tips for Graduate School & Working Professionals
Sept 23	Noon – 1:00 PM	Resume Workshop
Oct 20	4:00 – 5:00 PM	Designing Your Online Presence & Creating a Digital Portal
Oct 28	2:00 – 3:00 PM	Peace Corps Info Session Timeframes
Oct 29	3:00 – 5:00 PM	Three Minute Thesis Competition
Nov 11	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Negotiating Salary and Start-Up Packages