

**APY 550/BIO 553/GLY 555 – Evolution Colloquium**

**Spring 2011**

1 credit

Tuesdays, 12:30-1:50, Cooke 435

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The Spring semester of the Colloquium is built around presentations of the students' current research or proposed research. Students are expected to make a research seminar style presentation that either presents their research results to date or describes the student's project and proposed experiments/observations. First year students who have not chosen a research topic may present a talk that is built around a recent publication (within the past 2 years) in the areas of evolution, ecology or behavior. Students not presenting their own research projects must get the topic approved by Dr. Lasker.

The schedule of presentations is set in class on the first meeting of the course.

At least one week prior to the presentations the presenter should submit 1-2 pertinent articles that the class will read in order to become familiar with the material being presented.

Grades will be assigned primarily on the basis of the presentation with some adjustment based on the students participation in the sessions. Presentation grades will be the average grade assigned by all faculty attending the student's presentation.