



QUANTITATIVE AND SYSTEMS BIOLOGY SEMINAR SERIES

Graduate Student Panel

Date:

9/12/2024

Time:

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Location:

SSM 104



Christopher Bivins

I completed a master's degree at Fresno State University in 2019, where I used eDNA metabarcoding techniques to explore the relationship between mycoheterotrophic plants and their fungal partners. I am currently in my fourth year of my Ph.D. at UC Merced in Dr. Carolin Frank's lab. I work on a variety of fungal ecology projects in the Sierra Nevada foothills, exploring the interactions between fungi, oaks, wasps and woodrats.



Nathaniel Brown

Nathaniel is a 4th year graduate student in the QSB program. As a member of the Aaron Hernday lab, Nathaniel researches the role of condensate formation by transcription factors and how it controls phenotypic switching in the clinically-relevant yeast *Candida albicans*. Nathaniel is also a TA for the Biology and Applied Math departments.



Sam Fellows

I am a 6th year PhD candidate in the Dawson lab. I did my undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, and my Master's at San Diego State University. My research focuses on the ways lineages diversify via signaling and over landscapes, especially in squamate reptiles (lizards and snakes).

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