

Psychology 863, Seminar in Cognitive Science Course Information— Fall 2015

BRIEF MANDATORY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, September 2, at 5:00 p.m. in 118 Psychology

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Course Goals and Requirements

Psy 863 is organized around the Distinguished Speakers Series in Cognitive Science and Cognitive Science Forum talks associated with the MSU Cognitive Science Program. The goal of this seminar is for students to use the speaker series and associated activities to help them become acquainted with some prominent examples of research currently being carried by cognitive scientists from various disciplines.

Students are required to attend the talks listed below and participate in a final summary discussion. **Please make sure to sign the participation sheet for each required event so that we have a record of your attendance.** The schedule of required talks/events and the final discussion for Fall 2015 is listed below.

For each Distinguished Speaker Series event, there are three required events you attend (pre-talk, grad lunch, and talk) and one written assignment (discussion questions) to be turned in no later than one week before the class discussion.

There is an additional written requirement this semester: you must submit a short summary (~one page) to Alicia within a week of **each** CogSci forum talk (there are five required ones this semester). Your summary must be in your own words (don't submit the abstract).

Friday, September 4, 11am – 12pm, 230 Psychology (CogSci forum)

- Dr. Devin McAuley, Michigan State University

Monday, September 21, 5 – 7pm, 118 Psychology (Distinguished Speaker Series pre-talk)

- Class discussion of Dr. O'Toole's selected papers

Friday, October 2, 11am – 12pm, 230 Psychology (CogSci forum)

- Dr. Clair Vallotton, Michigan State University HDFS

Monday, October 5, 12 – 1pm, 230 Psychology (graduate student lunch)

- Dr. Alice O'Toole, University of Texas, Dallas

Monday, October 5, 5 – 7pm, 118 Psychology (Distinguished Speaker Series talk)

- Dr. Alice O'Toole, University of Texas, Dallas

Friday, October 23, 11am – 12pm (CogSci forum)

- Dr. Ming Meng, Dartmouth University

Monday, October 26, 5 – 7pm, 118 Psychology (Distinguished Speaker Series pre-talk)

- Class discussion of Dr. Bialystok's selected papers

Friday, October 30, 11am – 12pm, 230 Psychology (CogSci forum)

- Dr. Alan Beretta, Michigan State University

Monday, November 2, 12 – 1pm, 230 Psychology (grad student lunch)

- Dr. Ellen Bialystok, York University

Monday, November 2, 5 – 7pm, 118 Psychology (Distinguished Speaker Series talk)

- Dr. Ellen Bialystok, York University

Friday, November 13, 11am – 12pm, 230 Psychology (CogSci forum)

- Dr. Mark Reimers, Michigan State University Neuroscience

Monday, December 7, 5 – 7pm, 118 Psychology (Faculty Round Table)

- Faculty round table: Evolving Intelligence

If you are not able to attend one of the assigned talks or events, then you can substitute for this attendance at a cognitive science related talk at MSU; this talk must be from a colloquia series outside your home department and must be **preapproved by myself or Alicia** (the TA for the course). For the talk, you are still required to submit, in email, a one-page summary that includes the name of the colloquia series, date of the talk, speaker, title, and a brief summary of the talk that is in your own words (this should not be the abstract of the talk). **Each summary must be submitted in email to Alicia Parrish (parris39@msu.edu) not later than within one week of the talk.** You can find a list of cogsci related colloquia series at <http://www.cogsci.msu.edu/seminars.html> or look at the calendar on the homepage.

As a final note, please turn in all written assignments via dropbox on the D2L site. The format for all submissions should be pdf. Knowing how to correctly use D2L and convert assignments to pdf is your responsibility. If you have issues with this, feel free to email Alicia, but technical issues is NOT an acceptable excuse for turning in an assignment late.