

**ERTH 610**  
**Graduate seminar**  
**Fall 2023**

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Time: Friday 13:30-14:20

Location: POST 723

Required tools: Laulima; software to make a presentation that can be run using the AV equipment in 723

Purpose of class: To provide an opportunity for graduate students to give short (12 minutes) AGU- style scientific talks in a friendly environment to improve their presentation skills. You will receive feedback from other students and the instructor. Students who have already taken ERTH 610 three or more times (during either the M.S. or Ph.D. program) may choose instead to develop presentations explaining their research to the general public. Other topics will be discussed based on instructor and student consensus. Those who have already given a 12 min talk can also choose to present a short ‘lightning’ talk (i.e. 5 mins) as these are becoming increasingly common at conferences.

For the standard science talks each student shall:

1) Prepare an AGU-length abstract (2000 character body + 300 character title). You shall email the abstract (as a pdf or MS Word file) to the instructor and your classmates no later than the midnight prior to your presentation.

2) Prepare, practice, and present a 12-minute (or 5 minute) presentation, so an additional three minutes can devoted to questions from the audience. If you are just beginning your research (and have no results) you may talk about your research plans, presenting your proposed objectives, the methods you will use, and the possible outcomes. If you are not a beginner, you should speak on the results of your research, no matter how humble or mundane you think they might be. You are required to attend the talks of others. The instructor will provide feedback to the speaker individually. If the speaker would like to receive additional feedback from their classmates, they can request it. This feedback will be provided directly to the speaker via email, and shall be both polite and constructive.

For the general public presentations each student shall:

1) Prepare a flyer for your presentation suitable to be posted publicly.

2) Prepare, practice and present either a) a 25-minute presentation, or, b) a narrated animation (aka video blog or vlog) presentation of similar length. Your presentation will be made/played to the class during regular Friday meetings. You must be present.

Logistics: Grad seminar is face to face for Fall 2023. Speakers are responsible for making sure that their presentation is ready (and works, for example, embedded video content) by conducting a dry-run prior to the class presentation. You can use your own laptop provided you know how to hook it up to the AV system in 723 (which I do not), however, ideally you will just bring your talk on a USB stick and use the computer

provided (it is generally chaos when people start trying to use their own machines). In 723 there is a PC into which you can push a USB stick. I think a.pptx file made on a Mac will work fine.

Reading: There is no required reading. You will receive copious words of wisdom about abstract writing and scientific talks from the over-qualified instructor.

Grading: Students may miss up to three Fridays with a valid excuse, but let me know ahead of time. If you are receiving a letter grade, you will get an “A” if you satisfy all the above requirements. For each talk that you miss in excess of three valid absences, your grade will be bumped down by one letter. If you miss your own talk (without an wildly good reason) your grade will be bumped down two letters.

Office hours : If I am in my office and the door is open, I am available. Or send me an email and we can arrange a time.

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