Center for Biofilm Engineering
Seminar Series: Spring 2026

Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 p.m. MDT unless otherwise noted below*
Location: Roberts 218, Montana State University unless otherwise noted below*

Date	Speaker	Affiliation	Presentation Title
01/15	No Seminar – First week of classes		
01/22	Dr. Roland Hatzenpichelor	Associate Professor, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Montana State Univ., Center for Biofilm Engineering	The new kids on the block: Methanogens in the Thermoproteota
03/12	Dr. Sara Molinari	Assistant Professor, Bioengineering, University of Maryland	De novo-engineered living materials from bacteria
03/19	No Seminar – Spring Break		
03/26	Undergraduate Day	"A novel NO-dependent biofilm behavior in *Vibrio cholerae*" Molly Roush & Cedar O'Donnell Microbiology & Cell Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry Advisor: Diane Bimczok "Comparing enzyme oxidative decarboxylase with iron zeolites" Anna Gates Chemical & Biological Engineering Advisor: James Crawford "Investigating the motility of *Sporosarcina pasteurii*" Britta Meyer Chemical & Biological Engineering Advisor: Robin Gerlach	
04/02	Dr. Ellen Lauchnor	Associate Professor, Civil and Environmental Eng., Montana State Univ.	Sabbatical Recap: Treatment wetlands in France
04/09	Dr. Michael Neubauer	Postdoctoral Researcher, Center for Biofilm Engineering	Electrochemical sensors for environmental monitoring and targeted biosensing
04/16	Dr. Isaak Thronton	Postdoctoral Researcher, Center for Biofilm Engineering	From biofilms to engineered living materials: Structuring microbial functions with 3D bioprinting
04/23	Dr. Jacob Valenzuela	Senior Research Scientist, Institute for Systems Biology, Seattle, Washington	Origin of biogeographically distinct microbial ecotypes during laboratory evolution