



# MMI 291 Seminar Series

Current Theme: Interdisciplinary Research  
Spring Quarter 2020 – CRN 41538



**Friday Seminar – 12:10-1 PM**

*“The complex daily rhythms of the squid-vibrio symbiosis”*

## Research / Bio

My research program has combined training experiences in both organismal and molecular biology to develop two major focuses: 1) host-bacterial symbiosis; and, 2) the 'design' of tissues that interact with light. The experimental strategy for both areas of research relies on methods that have been developed for the study of the squid-vibrio association over the past 30+ years. In addition, I have a continuing interest in the history and development of the field of microbial symbiosis and its impact on biology; a focused effort in this area promises to drive an unprecedented integration across biology as a whole. Such integration will revolutionize the way we think about all aspects of the biosphere.

## Publications

*Transcriptional patterns in both host and bacterium underlie a daily rhythm of anatomical and metabolic change in a beneficial symbiosis. Wier AM, Et al. PNAS Direct, 2009 Jan*

*Bacterial Bioluminescence Regulates Expression of a Host Cryptochrome Gene in the Squid-Vibrio Symbiosis, Heath-Heckman EAC, Et al. MBio, 2013 April*

*Divining the Essence of Symbiosis: Insights from the Squid-Vibrio Model. McFall-Ngai, M., Et al. PLOS Biology, 2014 Feb*

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Oct 16, 2020  
12:10 – 1 PM  
ZOOM Meeting

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& Immunology  
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We hope to see you there!