

ERTH 610

Graduate Seminar

Spring 2022

Instructor: Rhett Butler (rgb@ hawaii.edu; office: POST 819A)
Time: Fridays 1:30-2:20 PM
Place: POST 723
Required Tools: Laulima, Zoom (in case of a COVID fiasco part of the way through semester). Presentation software of your choice

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 EARTH 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. Many of you resent being made to take this class, but it is nevertheless required.

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 presentation, with an additional five minutes devoted to questions from the audience. You should speak on a result of your research, no matter how humble or mundane you think it might be. If you are just beginning your research you may instead talk about your research plans, presenting your proposed objectives, the methods you will use, and the possible outcomes. 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, with an additional three minutes devoted to questions from the audience 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.

Logistics: Grad seminar is face to face for Spring 2022. 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.

COVID-19 logistics: Regarding COVID-19 status, we will follow the policies of University as directed by the UH administration. Currently, proof of vaccination is required in order to register for any class that includes in-person activities (e.g., EARTH610). It is current UH policy that to attend in-person classes you need to be fully vaccinated, (that is, a vaccine approved for use in the US—Pfizer, Moderna, J&J—with the second shot for Pfizer and Moderna at least 14 days prior to classes beginning). Currently, students with approved exemptions (medical or religious only) will be required to provide proof of a negative test weekly. If anyone else has any issues relating to attendance let me know ahead of time, I am sure we can work something out. Should the COVID-19 situation worsen markedly, we will respond and pivot as we have in the past to protect the health and well-being of our campus and island community, including full compliance with federal, state and county orders.

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. 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, your grade will be bumped down by one letter. If you miss your own talk (without an exceptionally 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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<http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/titleix/resources.html#confidential>

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