

2025-2026 MMI Seminar Schedule

Note: Acuff Auditorium reserved for all dates

DATE	SPEAKER/TITLE	HOST	TIME
Wednesday, August 20, 2025	Margaret Lange-Osborn, PhD Assistant Professor Candidate for Promotion & Tenure	Host: Dr. Marc Johnson	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, August 21, 2025			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, August 27, 2025	Emma Teixeira, PhD Associate Professor Candidate for Promotion & Tenure	Host: Dr. Marc Johnson	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, August 28, 2025			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, September 3, 2025	Cansu Agca, PhD Senior Research Scientist Paul de Figueiredo Lab Candidate for Promotion & Tenure	Host: Dr. Marc Johnson	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, September 4, 2025			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, September 10, 2025	Michael Criscitiello, PhD Associate Dean for Research & Graduate Studies Professor, Veterinary Pathobiology Texas A&M University College Station, TX	Host: Dr. Paul de Figueiredo	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, September 11, 2025			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, September 17, 2025	Jonathan Kagan, PhD Marian R. Neutra, PhD Professor of Pediatrics Harvard Medical School	Host: Ben Cryer	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium

	Director of Basic Research and Shwachman Chair in Gastroenterology Boston Children's Hospital Boston, MA		
Thursday, September 18, 2025			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, September 24, 2025	Jorge Gomez-Gutierrez, PhD Associate Professor, Pediatrics University of Missouri Columbia, MO	Host: Dr. Haval Shirwan	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, September 25, 2025			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, October 1, 2025	Matt Burke MPT PhD Candidate	Mentor: Dr. Dongsheng Duan	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, October 2, 2025			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, October 8, 2025	Xunrong Luo, MD, PhD Professor, Nephrology, Medicine, Surgery, Integrative Immunobiology, & Pathology Duke University School of Medicine Durham, NC	Host: Dr. Esma Yolcu	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, October 9, 2025			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, October 15, 2025	Lynden Voth MPT PhD Candidate	Mentor: Dr. Donald Burke-Agüero	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, October 16, 2025			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, October 22, 2025	Feyza nur Arguc MPT PhD Candidate	Mentor: Dr. Haval Shirwan	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, October 23, 2025			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, October 29, 2025	Reinier Suarez MPT PhD Candidate Tentative Dissertation Defense Date	Mentor: Dr. Marc Johnson	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, October 30, 2025			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium

Wednesday, November 5, 2025	Dezzarae Luera MPT PhD Candidate	Mentor: Dr. Emma Teixeira	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, November 6, 2025			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, November 12, 2025	Byung-Jun Yoon, PhD Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering Texas A&M University College Station, TX	Host: Dr. Paul de Figueiredo	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, November 13, 2025			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, November 19, 2025	Bryan Hu MPT PhD Candidate	Mentor: Dr. Dongsheng Duan	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, November 20, 2025			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
November 24-28, 2025	Thanksgiving Break		
Wednesday, December 3, 2025	Emma Copen TBS I&I PhD Candidate	Mentor: Dr. Marc Johnson	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, December 4, 2025			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, December 10, 2025	Jarett Seabaugh MPT PhD Candidate	Mentor: Dr. Deb Anderson	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, December 11, 2025			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
December 15-19, 2025	Finals Week		
Dec. 20, 2025-Jan. 19, 2026	Winter Break		
Wednesday, January 21, 2026	Ben Cryer TBS I&I PhD Candidate	Mentor: Dr. Maggie Lange	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, January 22, 2026			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, January 28, 2026	Savannah McKenna TBS I&I PhD Candidate	Mentor: Dr. Bumsuk Hahm	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium

Thursday, January 29, 2026			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, February 4, 2026	Holger Russ, PhD Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology & Therapeutics College of Medicine University of Florida Gainesville, FL	Host: Dr. Haval Shirwan	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, February 5, 2026			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, February 11, 2026	Barikisu Ibrahim TBS I&I PhD Candidate	Mentor: Dr. Marc Johnson	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, February 12, 2026			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, February 18, 2026	Emily Giri TBS I&I PhD Candidate	Mentor: Dr. Henry Wan	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, February 19, 2026			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, February 25, 2026	Xue Bai TBS I&I PhD Student & Clayton Rushford VPB PhD Candidate	Mentors: Dr. Donald Burke- Agüero & Dr. Marc Johnson	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, February 26, 2026			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, March 4, 2026	Andres Garcia, PhD, FBSE Executive Director Parker H. Petit Institute for Bioengineering & Bioscience Regents' Professor George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, GA	Host: Dr. Haval Shirwan	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, March 5, 2026			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, March 11, 2026	Oluwatola Femi-Olatunji TBS I&I PhD Student	Mentors: Dr. Paul de Figueiredo	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium

	& Tyler Verburg TBS Cancer Biology PhD Student	& Dr. Haval Shirwan	
Thursday, March 12, 2026			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, March 18, 2026	Euan Price TBS I&I PhD Student & Sumanth Gutty VPB PhD Student	Mentors: Dr. Caroline Grunenwald & Dr. Dongsheng Duan	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, March 19, 2026			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, March 25, 2026	SPRING BREAK		
Thursday, March 26, 2026	SPRING BREAK		
Wednesday, April 1, 2026	Noah Powell TBS I&I PhD Student & Roxanne Muchow VPB PhD Student	Mentors: Dr. Paul de Figueiredo & Dr. Chris Lorson	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, April 2, 2026			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, April 8, 2026	Dana Burris & Torin Hunter TBS I&I PhD Students	Mentors: Dr. Jim Amos- Landgraf & Dr. Anthony Griffiths	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, April 9, 2026			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, April 15, 2026	Adrianna Lewis & Elida Lopez TBS I&I PhD Students	Mentors: Dr. Esma Yolcu & Dr. Emma Teixeira	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, April 16, 2026			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, April 22, 2026	Clayton Russ &	Mentors: Dr. Adam Yokom & Dr. Anthony Griffiths	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium

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	Alex Seram TBS I&I PhD Students		
Thursday, April 23, 2026			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, April 29, 2026	Kara Young & ABM Rezwanul Kabir TBS I&I PhD Students	Mentors: Dr. Emma Teixeira & Dr. Pam Brown	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, April 30, 2026			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium
Wednesday, May 6, 2026	Lea Alexandre TBS Cancer Biology PhD Student	Mentor: Dr. Paul de Figueiredo	1:30pm Acuff Auditorium
Thursday, May 7, 2026			2:00pm Acuff Auditorium

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	Denotes alternating lines
	Denotes Mizzou Forward Speakers
	Denotes Visiting Speaker