

Department Seminars

The department initiated weekly seminars in 2002 with the establishment of a seminar committee and associated budget that has averaged approximately \$9,000 per year to cover travel and honoraria for external speakers and other logistical costs associated with the seminars. Individuals external to Purdue represent approximately half the speakers in our seminar series. The intent of the seminar series is to expose faculty and students to broad-based concepts and approaches to diverse and timely scientific topics. Faculty members in the department are assigned to host external speakers to expose our guests to facilities and people. In addition, lunches are arranged for our graduate students and speakers to discuss science and philosophy. As a result of the quality of speakers and the breadth of presentations, Agronomy has one of the premier seminar series on campus.

Some of the speakers and topics presented since 2002 are listed below:

Speaker	Presentation	Institution/Organization
Jim Coors	Challenges Facing Plant Breeders in the Public Sector	University of Wisconsin
Bob Armstrong	The Next Damned Thing	National Defense University
Wes Jackson	The Necessity and Possibility of Agriculture where Nature is the Measure	The Land Institute, Kansas
Ken Cassman	Achieving Global Food Security While Protecting Environmental Quality	University of Nebraska
Daniel Hillel	Uses and Abuses of Soil and Water Resources Around the World	University of Massachusetts
Tyrone Hayes	Children of the Corn: What do Hermaphroditic Frogs Tell us About Pesticides and Human Health	UC-Berkley
Dennis Avery	Saving Wild Species with Agricultural Research During Global Warming	The Hudson Institute
Ed Buckler	Finding the Functional Natural Variation of Maize	USDA-ARS
Pedro Sanchez	Africa's Green Revolution	Columbia University
Larry Wilding	Advancing the Frontiers of Soil Science Towards a Geoscience	Texas A&M