Syllabus for Seminar in Ecology (PCB6049), also known as PEERS (Perspectives in Ecological Research)

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Credit hours: 1, graded. I would be delighted for every student in the class to get an A. The expectations are explained below.

Time and location: Fridays, 3:00-3:50 in 222 Carr Hall. Please ignore the room location listed in the course catalog.

Make sure you are on the PEERS email list. Email jlichstein@ufl.edu to be added.

Workload and expectations:

(1) Registered students are encouraged to sign up for a seminar slot, but this is not required. You should feel free to present a seminar on your research even if it is still at a preliminary stage.

(2) You should regularly attend the seminar. I do not expect you to attend every single week, and you do not need to provide any explanation for occasional absences. I understand that graduate students have many competing demands on their time, including travel to conferences and field sites, proposal deadlines, etc. If you plan to miss more than about 25% of the meetings, then please contact me so we can discuss.

(3) I plan to devote 2-3 meetings each semester to discussing recent ecological literature published in Science and Nature. As with the seminar in general, I don’t expect perfect attendance, but I do expect you to participate in most of these discussions.

(4) Besides seminars and papers, we might do a local field trip one week and/or spend one or more weeks on professional development topics (such as reviewing journal articles, responding to reviews of your manuscript, etc.). I will organize these activities if there is sufficient demand.