

Friday, April 21, 2017		
8:30 – 9:15 am		Arrival
9:15 – 9:30 am	Esther & Ben, Axel Visel	Welcome
9:30 – 9:55 am	Mary Firestone	Mapping the pathways of root carbon flow into and through soil microbial food webs
9:55 – 10:20 am	Erin Nuccio	Roots stimulate expression of decomposition transcripts in the soil microbiome
10:20 – 10:45 am	Kabir Peay	Timing of microbial mutualist arrival has a greater effect on seedling growth than interspecific competition
10:45 – 10:50 am		Break
10:50 – 11:10 am	Asaf Levy	Genetic determinants of bacterial adaptation to plants
11:10 – 11:30 am	Alan Kuo	Comparative genomics of lichen mycobionts
11:30 – 11:50 am	Christine Shulse	Discovery, transfer, and characterization of novel phytase genes for utilization of recalcitrant phosphate
11:50 – 12:10 pm	William Moore	At the interface: arabinogalactan peptides and GIPC sphingolipids are required for symbiosis in M. truncatula
12:10 – 12:50 pm		<i>Working lunch: Major</i> current challenges in plant-microbe interaction research
12:50 – 1:00 pm		Group Photo
1:00 – 1:25 pm	Johan Leveau	Individual-based ecology of the phyllosphere
1:25 – 1:50 pm	Parris Humphrey	Insect herbivory re-shapes the distribution and abundance of bacteria in the phyllosphere
1:50 - 2:00 pm		Break
2:00 – 2:25 pm	Victor Kunin	Finding plant beneficial microbes with commercial value using a novel computational biology platform
2:25 – 2:50 pm	Trent Northen	Laboratory ecosystem fabrication for examination of plant-microbe interactions
~3:00 – 4:30 pm		Poster Session. General plant-microbe interactions research.