NRM F692 Syllabus

Class meets Thursdays from 3:40 pm to 5:10 pm in Rm 183 in the Arctic Health Research Building.

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There are two objectives to this semester’s seminar:

1. Discuss hot topics in agriculture
2. Prepare you for employment using practice talks for graduate student competitions at scientific meetings. As a graduate student you will need to present and defend your research to both the school and at a scientific meeting. Most scientific meetings come with graduate student competitions where cash and awards can be won (not to mention these prizes look really good on a resume). To accomplish this objective, each student will present a 15 minute talk on their research or study area. Each talk will be evaluated by a faculty team. These talks are meant to be a learning experience and should help make you more competitive when applying for work in the future.

Class Schedule

1/19 – Genetically Modified Organisms
1/26 – Invited speaker Dr. Dave Valentine –
2/2 – Fracking
2/9 – The CRISPR gene
2/16 – Resource extraction and native rights
2/23 – Sustainable Ag Conference
3/2 – Pesticides
3/9 – Nuclear power
3/23 – Concentrated Animal Feedlots
3/30 – Steven Seefeldt – Preparing talks for scientific meetings
4/6 – Student presentations
4/13 – Student presentations
4/15 – Student presentations
4/20 – Student presentations
4/27 – Student presentations