

# STATISTICS SEMINAR

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Leasure Hall, Room 13, 4:00-5:00 pm

Refreshments: Dickens 108, 3:30-4:00 pm



## Mis-measured microbial communities and other topics in statistical ecology

### Abstract:

Microbial communities are difficult to measure. The focus of this talk is on a particular source of measurement error: choice of primer sets in multiple primer set DNA system. This issue is addressed using a hierarchical Bayesian multinomial model with matched community measurements. The model is implemented on communities of methane consuming soil bacteria collected as a part of the Great Plains Methane project. Results will be interpreted along with a discussion of further applications and extensions.