



BIOLOGY COLLOQUIUM

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Sociomicrobiology: quorum sensing, cooperation and conflict in populations of the opportunistic pathogen *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*



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Our laboratory is focused on the emerging field of
sociomicrobiology. We currently study:

- Quorum sensing — intercellular communication
- Biofilms — the mechanisms by which bacteria switch from a nomadic existence to a sessile biofilm lifestyle and the mechanisms underlying the ability of sessile biofilm bacteria to survive the action of antibiotics
- Conspecific territoriality — the ways in which clonal populations of bacteria can discriminate themselves from other clonal populations.

We are interested in the genetic and molecular mechanisms of social behaviors and the evolution of sociality, but it is a fact that social activities we study are of importance in pathogenesis.