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Speaker:

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Title:

"Tricky, sticky sequencing: Tackling genome-scale questions in Panarthropoda"

Abstract:

In this talk, I discuss some of my lab's most recent work on sequencing and interpreting genomic data. I will discuss what we have learned about the genome of a facultatively parthenogenetic Japanese opilionid species, before moving on to describe the challenges of sequencing highly repetitive spider silk genes. I will end my seminar with details about a new area of research in which I am participating, focusing broadly on the evolution of sticky prey capture proteins in Panarthropoda.