



**THE PLANT CENTER**  
at the University of Georgia



# Plant Center Spring Symposium

**Wednesday, May 7, 2014**

**Classic Center – Foundry Street Building, Athens, GA**

## ***Preliminary Program***

- 7:50-8:20 am**     **Registration & Continental Breakfast** (Oconee River Room)
- 8:20-8:30 am**     **Welcome – John Burke** (Empire Room)
- 8:30-8:40 am**     **Judy Milton:** Assistant Dean, UGA Graduate School  
*“The UGA CIRTL Learning Community”*
- 8:40-9:35 am**     **Jesse Poland:** Kansas State University  
*“Connecting (high-throughput) genotype to (high-throughput) phenotype in wheat”*  
<http://www.wheatgenetics.org/people/14-people/3-jesse-poland>
- 9:35-10:30 am**   **Federica Brandizzi:** Michigan State University  
*“Life inside a plant cell: a dynamic perspective”*  
[http://www.prl.msu.edu/faculty/brandizzi\\_federica](http://www.prl.msu.edu/faculty/brandizzi_federica)
- 10:30-11:00 am**   **Break** (Oconee River Room)
- 11:00-11:55 pm**   **Tom Juenger:** University of Texas, Austin  
*“Studying ecophysiology and adaptation in plants using genetic and genomic tools”*  
[https://w3.biosci.utexas.edu/juenger\\_lab/?q=people/thomas-juenger](https://w3.biosci.utexas.edu/juenger_lab/?q=people/thomas-juenger)
- 12:00-1:25 pm**     **Lunch** - Oconee River Room
- 1:30-2:25 pm**     **Luca Comai:** University of California, Davis  
*“Sex-determination mechanism on the Y chromosome of Diospyrus”*  
[http://comailab.genomecenter.ucdavis.edu/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://comailab.genomecenter.ucdavis.edu/index.php/Main_Page)
- 2:25-3:20 pm**     **Melissa Mitchum:** University of Missouri, Columbia  
*“An integrated platform for studying a novel nematode disease resistance gene network”*  
<http://plantsci.missouri.edu/mitchumlab/teaching.htm>
- 3:20 - 3:50 pm**     **Break** (Oconee River Room)
- 3:50 - 4:45 pm**     **Mark Tester:** King Abdullah University of Science & Technology  
*“Understanding and engineering salinity tolerance in crop plants”*  
<http://www.kaust.edu.sa/academics/faculty/tester.html>
- 4:45 - 5:00 pm**     **Closing remarks, introduction of the next director**
- 5:15 - 6:45 pm**     **Social hour (and a half) @ Transmetropolitan**