

# Biology Seminar Series

Biology Graduate Student Association  
Department of Biological Sciences



**Fern tales at two scales: Using phylogenetics to study historical biogeography in Africa and community assembly in Florida**

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**Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 12 PM (PST)**  
via Zoom, meeting ID: 930 1977 8667  
Meeting password: BGSAtalks  
<https://humboldtstate.zoom.us/j/93019778667>

Emily Sessa received her PhD in 2012 from the Botany Department at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. After a one-year postdoc at the University of Arizona, she joined the faculty at the University of Florida, where she is currently an Associate Professor in the Biology Department. Her research focuses on the evolution and ecology of land plants, specifically ferns and lycophytes, and work in her lab broadly addresses the question: What ecological and evolutionary processes have generated, and help to maintain, fern diversity?

