BIO342 Animal Behavior Seminar Report #1 Seminar: Friday October 5th 4:10 PM in B19

David W. Pfennig, Dept of Biology, Univer. of North Carolina "Polyphenism and the origins of diversity"



If you are going to attend the seminar, you should read his recent review paper (Pfennig, et al 2010). After the seminar, you will receive credit for attending by writing a brief, ½ page summary of the seminar.

In your seminar write up:

- 1) What was the main concept in this seminar?
- 2) How is it novel or different than our past understanding of biology.
- 3) Describe the example(s) that best support his hypothesis.
- 4) In your own words, explain how these concepts are relevant to Animal Behavior.

If you cannot attend the seminar, you may receive full credit for the seminar by reading a recent primary research paper written by a graduate student in his research group (Ledon-Rettig & Pfennig, 2012 (available on the course website)) and writing a brief, ½ page write up. This primary research paper tests the biological hypothesis that "Predator-mediated behavior plays a key role in promoting diversification of feeding strategies."

In your paper write up:

- 1) Clearly state the experimental hypothesis for the work that is presented.
- 2) In your own words, describe the results that are presented in each figure.
- 3) Explain how those results are used to support the biological hypothesis.