

Every semester the CGSA is responsible for the selection of a researcher outside of the university to visit UMBC and present a seminar detailing their research. The student who nominated the selected presenter is responsible for arranging the transportation, lodging, and dining accommodations as well as the speaker's introduction before the seminar.

In the past, the CGSA has sponsored a breakfast on the day of the seminar to provide graduate students a chance to talk with the speaker and get to know them on a more personal level.

Past CGSA sponsored seminar speakers include:

Spring 2007

Dr. Steve Choquette <http://www.cstl.nist.gov/acd/839.04/choquette.html>
National Institute of Standards and Technology
"Spectrometer Correction and Validation Techniques for the Development of Raman Spectral Databases for Homeland Security Applications"

Fall 2007

Dr. Ryan Mehl <http://fandm.edu/x14020.xml>
Franklin & Marshall College
"Changing Biochemistry: Unnatural Amino Acids in Proteins"

Spring 2008

Dr. Michael Bevan <http://www.jhu.edu/chembe/faculty-template/MichaelBevan.html>
Johns Hopkins University
"Colloidal Interactions, Dynamics, and Assembly on Energy Landscapes"