3020 Final Oral Presentation Guidelines

Presenting Research
The final two classes (April 22 and 27), we will have 8-10-minute presentations by each student in the class. You will present one of your primary literature papers that you have reviewed, as if you were its primary author (i.e. say “We tested the hypothesis that...”). **Email your talk to your professor (spallas@gsu.edu) before noon on April 22 so that it can be loaded on the computer. Volunteers will go first, and then presenters will be selected at random.**

Use the [Dazzle ‘Em With Style guide](#) to prepare a Powerpoint for taking the class through your presentation. Treat this as if it was your research, and prepare yourself with background research (which may require going to some other papers that your paper cites or that cite it) so that you can handle questions. Start by telling your audience what you’ll be talking about so they have a framework. Near the end give the important take home messages you want to leave them with. In between, keep it simple. Highlight the important points and get your message across in a way that does not get bogged down in details. Presentations will generally include only a brief sketch of the methods used and will report statistics only as they relate to how the data can be interpreted. With graphs, lead the reader through what the axes are and what point the figure is making in relation to the hypothesis.

Components: Use 24 pt font or larger
Big Picture Intro (1-2 slides)
Hypothesis (1 slide)
Methods (1-2 slides)
Results (3-4 slides)
Discussion (1-2 slides)
Future Directions (could be part of discussion, or 1 slide)

Use citations as you would in a journal article, e.g. (Remage-Healy et al., 2012)
Limit your words per slide (use bullets rather than full sentences). **Less is more!**

Questions to think about when presenting research:

What is the overarching question the research is trying to address?
What is (are) the hypothesis(es)?
What are the methods being used?
Do the methods test the hypothesis?
Are the conclusions drawn reasonable?
What do these findings mean?
What future directions would you pursue with the research?