



Department of Genetics

Nanocourse Announcement

Making Figures: Designing Professional and Effective Figures for Publication

Tuesday, April 19th and Thursday, April 21st, 2016

10am – 12pm

TMEC 227

Harvard Medical School

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We are scientists. We are highly trained investigators who dive into new hypotheses and datasets with zeal, yet the figures of the resulting papers often lack the thought and diligence with which we approached the science. In this nanocourse, we will learn how to effectively portray our science through figures. Specifically, we will learn how to design our figures to make them highlight our main points, be easily understandable, and look professional. In the first session of the course, we will discuss figure design generally and then apply these principles to designing graphs in the second session of the course. In the third session of the course, registered students will apply figure design concepts to redesigning a graph in Illustrator. Registered students will learn the basics of Illustrator through this process. The class will be a mix of lectures and workshops, with plenty of examples and opportunities for hands-on learning.

All are welcome. No registration is required.

See nanosandothercourses.hms.harvard.edu for a complete schedule.