Virtual Scientific Presentation and Public Speaking

Everyone will come away a more skilled and confident speaker than they were before

Autumn | 2 units | For up to 12 grad students

The ability to present your research in a compelling, concise, and engaging manner will enhance your professional career. Virtual presentations demand new skills, which will be the focus of this class, including video, sound, lighting, virtual posters, and live vs. prerecorded content. I will work to convince you that, regardless of format, the best way to capture an audience and leave a lasting impression is to tell a story, do a demo, or pick a fight.

The course is taught as a series of stand-and-deliver exercises with class feedback and revision on the fly, supplemented by one-on-one coaching. We focus on virtual conference presentations, virtual job interviews and job talks, departmental seminars, press interviews, and funding pitches. It's best to take the course when you have research to present. Grades are optional: 70% in-class exercises, 30% final project. (http://syllabus.stanford.edu)

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