

# How to Give Talks

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## Talks:

March 18: Sarah, James, ?, ?

March 20: Austin, Lindsey, Cragin

March 25: Jason, Beau, Matt, ?

For questions: kvollmay@, 577-3109, 522-0120 (conference March 9-14.)

## Goal:

convey ideas and concepts

→ be clear

→ get your audience interested

## Preparation:

- ▶ know subject (content same as first paper)
- ▶ slides (see more below)
- ▶ demo (if possible)
- ▶ practice (aloud, alone & for friend, time yourself)

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## Oral Presentation:

- ▶ volume
- ▶ right pace
- ▶ conversational style (do not just read, but scientific jargon → difficult)
- ▶ vary intonation, stresses and pacing

## Non-Verbal (Body):

- ▶ use pointer
- ▶ eye contact
- ▶ facial expressions, gestures
- ▶ posture, breathing

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## Slides:

- ▶ powerpoint or similar tool (beamer links on our webpage)  
Transparencies have become obsolete at conferences.
- ▶ main point?
- ▶ audience?
- ▶ large enough font
- ▶ use colors meaningful
- ▶ content same as first paper: outline, intro & background, model, simulation methods, summary
- ▶ repeat main points
- ▶ clear transitions (coherent thread)