

Paper presentation guidelines:

For your assigned papers, please address the following points:

- If the model is applied, provide a bit of background on the study area.
- What is the research question(s) addressed by the paper?
- Briefly summarize the models' methodology and results, including the actors modeled, their interaction environment, and key model mechanisms and relationships.
- What type of ABM model is used (in terms of the criteria for Cell 1–Cell 4 models laid out in the LUCC report, and the “Why use MAS/LUCC” section of Parker, Manson, et al.)?
- What is the intended role of the model? (See the “Potential Roles” section of the Parker, Manson, et al. paper.)
 - Does the model address any of the course themes (from syllabus)? If not, could an expanded model address these themes?
- Comment on how effectively the model methodology addresses the research question posed by the authors, the strengths and limitations of the authors' approach, and improvements, extensions, or alternative applications of the model.
- If possible, demo the model relevant for the paper.
- Possibly propose some questions for discussion.

Your presentation should be no longer than 20 minutes. Please construct a set of slides in Power Point, or PDF, or any package of your choice. Do not use any fancy styles—they result in huge files that we do not have the web space to post.

What makes for a good presentation?

- Give a clear, but concise summary of the paper. You may not exactly follow the structure of the paper
- Explain mathematical equations, rather than presenting all of the math
- When you don't understand a part of a paper, or it is beyond your experience, say so and ask for help from me and others in the class
- Discuss both positive and negative aspects of the research. In academia, we have a tendency to focus too much on the negative
- Relate the paper to other papers and course discussion, if appropriate.
- Practice once, even if to your cat.
- Stay within the allotted time limit. You can always expand if needed during questions and discussion.
- Do not put too much stuff on any one slide, and use a large enough font.
- If you have time, read a related paper or two by the same author or group. In many cases I will suggest a companion paper on the same model that you should read.