

"The virtues of waiting, procrastinating and avoiding conflict"

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Abstract: Ants are among the most successful organisms on Earth, not least because they have created an impression of being hard-working automatons who put even graduate students to shame. I will show that ants might in fact succeed in part through waiting for other individuals to make the hard decisions and by avoiding stressful situations. Unfortunately, I have not quite gotten around to proving these results, but will give a sketch of how they could be demonstrated.

**Join us for refreshments in the NIMBioS Lobby on the 4th floor at 3 p.m.