PUBLIC LECTURE GUIDE

Please complete these questions during or immediately after the public lecture using complete sentences. Always be sure to explain your thinking clearly and completely. This assignment is graded as (10 points – complete with considerable detail; 5 points – complete with some details; 3 points – evidence indicates entire lecture was attended; 0 points – some answers are missing or provide insufficient detail to demonstrate that the student paid attention during entire lecture). This completed guide is due at the very next class meeting unless otherwise specified.

(i) Where is the speaker from and what is his/her area of expertise (which you get from the speaker’s introduction)?

(ii) Beyond simply rephrasing the title, what is the overarching scientific question the speaker is trying to address?

(iii) Where does the data come from or how is it acquired?

(iv) What makes this particular work complex or what difficulties did the speaker encounter in doing the work?

(v) What does the speaker still not know about this area or what are the next steps in the project?

(vi) What was the most interesting aspect of the lecture?

(vii) What was the most confusing part of the lecture?

(viii) If you had a chance, what question would you ask the speaker?