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Biology Colloquium (Friday 2 PM in EH 2132)

Dr. Wendy Salzman, UC Riverside

“Endocrinology of Female Reproductive Competition in Cooperatively Breeding Monkeys”

- **Professional Presentations**—The following attended the *Southern California American Society of Microbiologists* meeting: Associate Professor Larry Baresi (who organized and moderated a session), Professor Nancy Bishop, Associate Professor Mike Summers, and graduate students Jennifer Hedger and Joseph Ireland (Advisor: Dr. Summers), and Jedediah Lobos (Dr. Tomasek), who won first (including a travel award to the next meeting), second, and third place, respectively for their poster presentations; the meeting was also attended by graduate students Karen Koch, Mari Mazidzhyan, Olivia Oliveros, and Jenevieve Polin • Professor Maria Elena Zavala presented a departmental seminar at CSU Dominguez Hills and participated in the “I am going to college” program, which welcomed 175 fourth graders and their parents to CSUN • Dr. Zavala also accompanied several Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) students at the *Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science* conference, where Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) student Maribel Alvarez (Dr. Oppenheimer) presented her research
- **Publications**—Robin Elahi (MS 2006) and his advisor Professor Peter Edmunds have a paper in press in *Biological Bulletin* based on Robin’s MS thesis research • Professor Steve Oppenheimer’s commentary “NIH Hard Times” appeared in the *American Society for Cell Biology Newsletter*
- **CSUN Graduate Office Funds (one more) Grad**—Araceli Vasquez (Advisor, Dr. Summers) received a Graduate Thesis Support grant (\$800)
- **Marine Ecologist Candidate Visits**—The second candidate for the Assistant Professor position, Dr. Julie Neer (NOAA Fisheries Laboratory), will present her research seminar at 11 AM Friday, November 17th in EH 2225