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Biology Colloquium (Friday 2 PM in EH 2132)

Dr. Jenny Briggs, California State University, Northridge

“Effects of Fire on Sierran Pine Forest Communities”

- *Serving the Community*—Collections Manager Dr. Jim Hogue presented a lecture on backyard insects at the fall CSUN-al Gardening workshop • Professor Steve Oppenheimer offers open seats in his award-winning *Biology of Cancer* course to the public (Mondays 6–7:40 PM) • Professor Polly Schiffman accepted an invitation to serve on the science review team for the Carrizo Plain National Monument
- *Research Funding*—The SCORE Program of the National Institutes of Health funded research projects for Assistant Professor Maria Elena de Bellard, Associate Professor Steve Dudgeon, Professor Steve Oppenheimer, Associate Professor Mike Summers, Assistant Professor Gini Vandergon, and seven other CSUN faculty; Professor Maria Elena Zavala is the Program Director • Assistant Professor Cindy Malone received a Faculty Curriculum Development Grant to create community service-learning experiences for students in Genetics (BIOL 360) • Drs. Vandergon, Oppenheimer, and Gerry Simila (Geology) were funded by the San Fernando Valley Science Project Teacher Enhancement program to conduct workshops for science teachers • Drs. Vandergon, Similia, and Kellie Evans (Math) received a grant from the National Science Foundation to recruit and train science and math majors to teach high school
- *Publications*—Professor Bob Carpenter had two papers accepted in *Marine Biology*, including one with his former graduate student Nick Harrington • Part-time instructors Drs. Greg Fox and Cathy Coyle-Thompson, Emeritus Professor (now deceased) Peter Bellinger, and Professor Randy Cohen had a paper accepted in the *Journal of Insect Science* based on Fox’s Masters research at CSUN • Professor Maria Elena Zavala and nine coauthors announce the release of their book *Flor y Ciencia: Chicanas in Math Science and Engineering*, published by AAAS
- *Student Researchers Wanted*—Associate Professor Larry Baresi seeks students to conduct research on methanogenic bacteria or their viruses • Associate Professor Steve Dudgeon is recruiting undergraduates and a grad for *paid* research assistantships to study the vascular development of hydrozoans (colonial marine invertebrates)