



Biosphere

The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

Biology Colloquium (Friday 2 PM in EH 2132)

Dr. Marshal Hedin, San Diego State University

“Comparative Phylogeography and Species Discovery in Dispersal-limited Arthropods from the Southern Appalachian Mountains”

- **MS Students Accepted for Ph.D. Programs**—Maribel Alvarez (Advisor, Dr. Oppenheimer) has accepted a full fellowship to support earning her Ph.D. in the Cell Biology program at UC Irvine • Chris Chabot (Dr. Allen) was accepted into a Ph.D. program in the Department of Biological Sciences at UCLA • Nomiki Kolettis (Dr. Medh) was accepted into a Ph.D. program at UC Riverside • Casey Williams (Dr. Medh) was accepted into a Ph.D. program at New York University
- **Grants Awarded**—Assistant Professor Rheem Medh received an AREA Grant (\$150,000 over 3 years) from the *National Institutes of Health* for her research on the genetics of lymphocyte apoptosis • Graduate student Hollie Putnam (Advisor, Dr. Edmunds) received \$1000 from CSUN’s Associated Students to support her research on how temperature change affects the physiology of corals
- **Professional Presentations**—Graduate student Maribel Alvarez (Advisor, Dr. Oppenheimer) presented a poster at the *American Association for the Advancement of Science* (AAAS) meeting in San Francisco • Professor Polly Schiffman gave an invited research presentation at UC Santa Barbara’s *Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration* entitled: “Relict analysis of California grasslands: forbs, bunchgrasses and homogenization by non-natives”
- **Research Featured in Popular Press**—Former graduate student Jennifer Lancaster’s (Advisor, Dr. Espinoza) thesis research, which was published in *Animal Behaviour* last summer, recently received more popular press coverage in *Die Zeit* [The Times], Germany’s top weekly newspaper, and the Danish magazine *Illustreret Videnskabel* [Illustrated Sciences]