Biology Colloquium (Friday 2 PM in EH 2132)

Dr. Lydia Villa-Kormaroff, Cytonome, Inc., Boston, MA
“Conquistadores to Cell Sorting: a Life in Science”

- **New Editor for Madroño**—Professor Polly Schiffman has been appointed editor (3-year term starting 2008) of *Madroño*, a quarterly journal of the *California Botanical Society*, which has been the outlet for research about the ecology, evolution, systematics, and floristics of Californian and western North American plants since 1915.

- **Students Granted Research Support**—The following students were awarded grants from the *Bellinger Student Research Award*: graduate Jessica Dooley ($1000, Advisor, Dr. Hertel), graduate Christine Bruno ($1000, Dr. Espinoza), undergraduate Karen LeGrand ($965, Dr. Summers), graduate José Monzón ($935, Dr. Espinoza), graduate Melissa Spitler ($700, Dr. Carpenter), graduate Taylor Anderson-McGill ($700, Dr. Karels), and graduate Christopher Rodriguez ($700, Dr. Espinoza). Jessica Dooley also received $1000 from the *Newhall Land Trust Grant for Southern California Ecology*.

- **Graduate Students Accepted into Ph.D. Programs**—Two graduate students supervised by Professor Randy Cohen have been accepted into Ph.D. programs: Brandie Cross will soon begin the Program in Cell, Molecular, Developmental Biology, and Biophysics at *Johns Hopkins University* and April Ochoa will attend *City of Hope*.

- **Professional Outreach**—Full-time Instructor, Dr. Jeff Thomas gave a presentation on evolution to AP biology students at Hamilton High School and another on perception and the design of sensory systems for the UCLA *Science Project*, a program in the UCLA Graduate School of Education offering instructional development and science content for LAUSD high school science teachers.