



Biosphere

The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

Biology Colloquium (Friday 2 PM in EH 2132)

Dr. John McCormack, UCLA

*“Evolutionary Patterns and Processes at Multiple Scales
in a New World Jay (*Aphelocoma ultramarina*)”*

- **Publications**— Grad student Ann Dorsey (advisor Dr. Wilson) has published a chapter in *Flora and ecology of the Santa Monica Mountains. Southern California Botanists special publication, Fullerton, CA.* • Dr. Steve Oppenheimer had his letter to the editor on solutions to the NIH funding crisis published in *The American Society for Cell Biology* newsletter • Dr. Oppenheimer’s Journal of Student Research Abstracts won 2nd place in the Airports Council International-North America Education Excellence awards program.
- **Student Research Grant** — Grad Student Christopher M. Rodriguez (advisor Dr. Espinoza) won a grant from the Southern California Academy of Sciences.
- **Outreach**— Dr. Jim Hogue presented a talk on “*Beetles of Southern California and their relationships with native vegetation*” to the Los Angeles / Santa Monica Mountains chapter of the California Native Plant Society.
- **CSUN’s Prize Winning Fern** — Brenda Kanno, CSUN’s botanical gardens and greenhouse manager, brought back a trophy from the L.A. International Fern Society annual show and sale at the L.A. County Arboretum for *Most Unusual Fern* for the fern *Elaphoglossum lucidum*. This is the second prize for this particular plant after winning a divisional trophy two years ago.
- **Biotechnology Student Research Opportunity** — two positions are available for CSUN students interested in working on genetic/mitochondrial research for two years. This would be a great opportunity for students looking for an MS project at CSUN or a senior undergrad who could commit to the project for two years. Contact Dr. Frances Larson LarsonWF@sbcglobal.net for more info.