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Biology Colloquium

Friday April. 3, 2 PM in EH2132

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**“Investigating the Molecular Mechanisms of Totipotency in the
C. elegans germline”**

- **Students Moving Forward** - Graduate student Haike Ghazarian (adv. Dr. Oppenheimer) has been admitted to PhD programs with full fellowship support at Boston College and City of Hope.
- **Research Publication** - Dr. Steve Oppenheimer has recently had a paper accepted in the journal *Zygote*. The article was coauthored with students Haike Ghazarian, William Dalrymple, and Ziba Razinia (now at Yale), and colleagues Drs. Ed Carroll, Stan Metzberg, Virginia Hutchins-Carroll, and Cathy Coyle-Thompson
- **Herpetologists Descend on CSUN** - CSUN recently hosted HerpFest, a half-day gathering of professional herpetologists and amateur amphibian and reptile enthusiasts from Southern California. Approximately 40 people attended the event, which included a tour of the Biology Vivarium's herpetology rooms, the preserved Herpetology Collection, and Dr. Espinoza's lab.
- **Adventures in Moss** - Dr. Paul Wilson and graduate student Lena Coleman just returned from the annual moss foray between Fresno and Yosemite. Dr. Wilson helped organize the meeting this year. A moss was found that is the 3rd record of the species in North America. The smallest bodied of the mosses was also found and admired by all. Next year's foray will be in the Sacramento Mountains of New Mexico.