



# BIOSPHERE

## The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

Biology Colloquium: Friday, 22 March 2013, 2:00 pm in CR 5125

### “Understanding and Sustaining Complex Ecological Networks”

Neo Martinez, Ph.D.  
University of Arizona, Tucson

#### Genomics Job Candidates

The Department is interviewing for a new prof who is an expert in genomics. The next job seminar will be on Wednesday, 20 March at 11:00 am in EH 2132. All are invited to attend.

#### Did You Know...?

Dr. **Mark Steele** is growing more than 20 different varieties of bananas in his yard.

#### Did You Guess...?

Dr. **Rachel Mackelprang** is the other prof who can juggle, along with Dr. **Cindy Malone**.

#### Poster Symposium Coming Up

The 2013 CSUN Biology K–12 student Poster Symposium will be held in the Grand Salon of the University Student Union on Saturday 30 March at 10 am. Contact the Director, Dr. [Steve Oppenheimer](#), for more information. Hundreds of students, parents, teachers, and dignitaries attend this large event.

#### Movin' On Up

**Suprita Singh** has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at Chicago Medical School and **Tiffany Smith** has been admitted into the physician's assistant school at USC. Both are former MS students of Dr. **Steve Oppenheimer**.

#### Fieldtrip—Last Chance to Sign Up

The Behavior, Ecology, and Evolution Reading Club is sponsoring an Ecology Retreat for biology students on 23 and 24 March. This isn't your average fieldtrip: the retreat is a fun-focused, faculty-free, overnight camping trip at Point Mugu State Park and will feature meals, transportation, and guided hiking and tide pool exploring activities led by BEER Club members. Come spend the weekend getting to know the ecology of coastal Southern California while enjoying the company of fellow biology students. A \$15 fee covers food, transportation, camping equipment, and site fees. To learn more about this event, contact [Camdilla Wirth](#).

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