Biology Colloquium: Friday, 18 October 2013, 2:00 pm in CR 5125

“Conservation Genetics of California Fishes”

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New Publication

Drs. Vivian Cumbo and Peter Edmunds, along with Christopher Wall and Tung-Yung Fan have a paper in Marine Biology, “Brooded coral larvae differ in their response to high temperature and elevated pCO$_2$ depending on the day of release.”

Get Advisement Now

In an effort to identify potential academic problems early, the Biology Department requires that all Biology majors who have completed fewer than 60 units receive advisement before they can register for spring classes. Spring registration begins 1 November, so please plan ahead and beat the rush.

If you are a freshman:
Individualized advisement is mandatory for all second semester freshmen and is provided at the College of Science and Mathematics SSC-EOP Office (EH 2126). To schedule an appointment, please call (818) 677-4558.

If you are a sophomore: If you are in your third semester or somewhat more, you must attend a workshop led by the Biology advisors. The workshop will cover:

- The difference between the BA and BS degrees;
- The various Biology options and what each entails;
- The course sequences in the Biology core and their prerequisites;
- Special programs available to Biology majors;
- How GPAs are calculated and why this should concern you;
- Key university rules that students must follow;
- How to use My Academic Planner (MAP) and the Degree Progress Report (DPR);
- The ins and outs of preparing for one of the health professions.
Times and places of the advisement workshops.

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To register for a workshop, log in to [http://moodle.csun.edu](http://moodle.csun.edu) and click on “Lower Division Biology Advisement.” If you do not see this option in your Moodle, and you are a Biology major, use the enrollment key “bioadvise” to register in the course.

**If you are a sophomore who attended a workshop as a freshman:** Sophomores who attended an advisement workshop last year need not attend again. Instead, such students should discuss their academic plans individually with an advisor. If you are among this cohort, and your previous attendance can be verified from a past workshop roster, do not delay in making an appointment.

For more information, see the Department of Biology website.

**Mentoring for Women**

CSUN’s Women In Science and Engineering (WISE) group will be hosting a Speed Mentoring event on 22 October 4:00–6:00 pm in the Ferman Presentation Room of the Oviatt Library. Biology graduate students, among others, will be volunteering at this event. WISE provides networking opportunities for students and professionals. Please feel welcome.

**At the SACNAS Conference**

Twenty-one first-year MARC and MBRS students attend the annual Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) Conference in San Antonio, TX. Nikki Jamie Cruz, who works in Dr. Mary-Pat Stein’s lab presented the results of her experiments at the undergraduate poster session. Nikki Jamie was awarded a travel grant from SACNAS to attend the conference.

The conference featured a keynote address by Dr. Martin Chalfie, who won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2008. The conference also included sessions focused on professional development. Dr. Maria Elena Zavala co-presented a professional development session focused on tenure. She was also honored at a lunchtime ceremony for her long-term contributions to SACNAS.