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Biology Colloquium: Friday, 25 April 2014, 2:00 pm in CR 5125

**“PSGL-1 limits the magnitude of T cell responses  
to facilitate a chronic viral infection”**

Roberto Tinoco, Ph.D.  
Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute

### China Institute's Outstanding Contribution Award

Dr. **Steven Oppenheimer** won the China Institute's *Outstanding Contribution Award*. This followed on Oppenheimer leading the science team that brought together K–12 science projects with CSUN's relationship with Chinese universities and thence to the China Space Program.

### Sigma Xi Hosts Student Researchers

The CSUN Chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, holds its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Student research Symposium this Friday. Sessions are separate for undergraduate and graduate students. Cash awards and certificates of recognition are given to the top presenters in each session. Students in all fields of STEM are eligible.

### MS Thesis Defenses

**Lauren Conroy** shall defend her thesis on at 10 am on Thursday 24 April in CR 5201. The title is: “Leg armaments and alternative mating behavior in *Pristoceuthophilus* camel crickets.”

**Sylvia Zamudio** shall defend her thesis at 2 pm on Thursday 24 April in the Granada Room of the USU: “Impacts of temperature-induced maternal effects on larval phenotype, settlement, and post-settlement growth of brooding scleractinian corals.”

**Mark Oliva** shall defend his thesis, “Vocal repertoire and female choice in an Ecuadorian treefrog, *Dendropsophus carnifex*,” at 10 am on Monday 28 April in CR 5332.

### Grads Get Grants

**Rachel Rhymer** and **Parker House** have each received Grants-in-Aid of Research from Sigma Xi to support their MS thesis research.

## New Publication

**Jenny Gowan, Jesse Tootell, and Dr. Robert Carpenter** have a new paper in *Coral Reefs*, “The effects of water flow and sedimentation on interactions between massive *Porites* and algal turf.”

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