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Biology Colloquium: Friday, 14 February 2014, 2:00 pm in CR 5125

“Plant community response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on six Gulf barrier islands”

Elise Gornish, Ph.D.
UC Davis

Student Research Symposium

This Friday, 14 February, is the annual CSUN Student Research and Creative Works Symposium. Oral presentations start at 9 am, and posters are presented at lunchtime in the Student Union. Once again, Biology students are best-represented group on campus. Come support our students and get free breakfast and lunch! See [SCHEDULE HERE](#).

New Publications

Dinesh Gupta, Dr. Michael Summers, and Dr. Chhandak Basu have a paper in *Molecular Biotechnology*, “Engineering an isoprenoid pathway in *Escherichia coli* for production of 2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol: a potential biofuel.”

Drs. **Steve Comeau, Robert Carpenter, and Peter Edmunds** have a paper out in *Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology*, “Effects of irradiance on the response of the coral *Acropora pulchra* and the calcifying alga

Hydrolithon reinboldii to temperature elevation and ocean acidification.”

Happy Birthday Mr. Darwin!

To celebrate Charles Darwin’s 205th birthday, the BEER (Behavior, Ecology, and Evolution Reading) Club will host a birthday party at 10 am in CR 5336 on Wednesday, 12 February. There will be birthday cake and a variety of party games, including Darwin trivia and a scavenger hunt. All are welcome.

The BEER Club meets every Wednesday at 10 am in CR 5336 to discuss recent literature in Behavior, Ecology, and Evolution and welcomes anyone interested in these subjects.

At Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology

Leah Jacobs, Dr. Jeanne Robertson, and Andres Vega gave a talk at this year’s SICB meeting in Austin, TX, “Female mate choice in divergent populations of the red-eyed treefrog.”

Prof on the Circuit

Dr. **Dave Gray** gave an invited departmental seminar at Texas Tech University. He says, "It was awesome."

Alumni News

Dr. **Christina Vasquez** (M.S. '09, advisor Dr. **Dudgeon**) completed her doctorate at the University of Florida and has begun a postdoc at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo working on proteomics of mussel physiology to thermal and other abiotic stresses. She is also teaching a physiology class as part of her postdoctoral development plan.

Biology Course Featured on YouTube

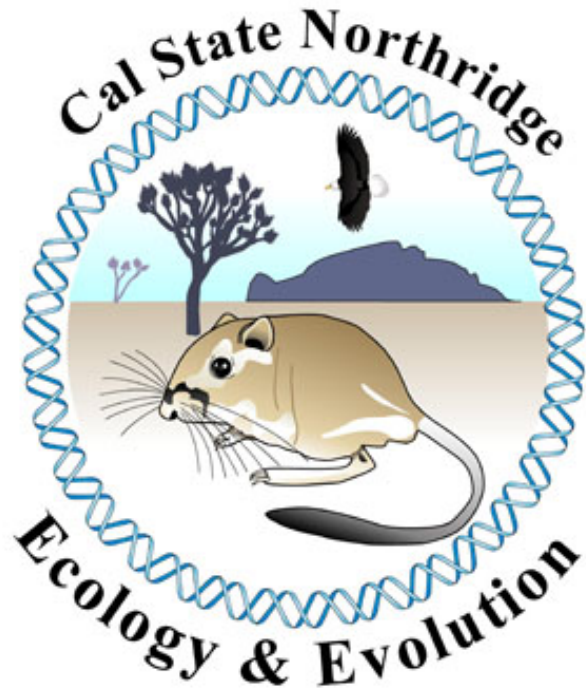
Biology course Plants & Animals of Southern California has been featured as a video report on CSUN's Student Life channel on YouTube. [CHECK IT out.](#)

Student Receives Minigrant

Alexa Mutti receiving a Thesis Support Grant from the University.

E&E Area Logo

Our talented chair of Biology, Dr. **Larry Allen**, has drafted a logo for the Ecology and Evolution Area:



You may have seen his previous work, which includes the Department of Biology Logo (featured in the top left corner of every issue of *Biosphere*), and the Marine Biology Logo, which is prominently displayed throughout the first floor of Magnolia Hall, the home of our Marine Biology faculty and students.

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