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Biology Colloquium: Friday, 5 September 2014, 2:00 pm in CR 5125

Cryptic Species, Endangered Fishes & Multiple Baby Daddies—Oh My! NE Pacific Elasmobranchs and Teleosts

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Students Honored

The Department of Biology awarded the following student honors last May:

- Outstanding Graduating Senior: **Kristen Dias**
- Judge Julian Beck Outstanding Graduating Senior Awards: **Halley Darrach** and **Son Vu**
- Bennett-Bickford Biology Scholarship for promise as a teacher: **Loni Hands**
- Outstanding Biology Graduate Student Award: **Yesai Fstkchyan**
- Outstanding Graduate Research Award: **Shannon Wood**
- Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award: **Corina Calderon**
- Oppenheimer Research and Teaching Promise Award: **Jamie Lee**
- Ian & Kathy Leslie Scholarship in Biology: **LaFrance Daniels**

The College of Science and Mathematics also made awards to Biology majors:

- Heald Outstanding Junior Award: **Ara Vartanyan**
- Outstanding Junior Award: **Sa La Kim**
- Hugo & Irma Oppenheimer Award: **Katherine Gould**
- Leslie & Terry Cutler Scholarship: **Erica Holdridge**
- Mack I Johnson Graduate Student Research Award: **Denita Weeks**—this award, in honor of our late and much loved Associate Vice President of Graduate Studies, goes to an outstanding graduate student in the College's student who has been accepted into a Ph.D. program.

New Publication

The *Marine Ecology Progress Series* has published a paper by **Caitlin Cameron** and Dr. **Peter Edmunds**, “Effects of simulated fish predation on small colonies of massive *Porites* spp. and *Pocillopora thanksmeandrina*.” This paper stemmed from Cameron’s M.S. thesis at CSUN. Since graduating, she has been working as a coral reef technician with Dr. Margaret Miller in Miami at NOAA’s Southeast Fisheries Science Center.

Seeking Speakers for Spring Colloquium

Please send suggestions to Dr. [Ray Hong](#), who is organizing the spring Colloquium. Ray is particularly interested in receiving recommendations for local biologists who are both engaging speakers and whose research will have broad appeal for our diverse biological audience.

Student Receives Grant

Grad student **Tom Chen** received nearly \$1000 from the Orthopterists’ Society to support his M.S. thesis research on differential behavioral responses of field crickets to seasonally fluctuating parasitoid pressures.

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