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Biology Colloquium: Friday, 10 October 2014, 2:00 pm in CR 5125

“Sociocultural Perspectives of Latino Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their Families”

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New Publications

Heidi Block and Dr. **Mark Steele** had a paper published in *Marine Ecology Progress Series*, “Spatial variation in selective mortality on larval traits of the coral reef fish *Chromis viridis*.” The paper was a part of Block’s MS thesis research.

Also published in *Marine Ecology Progress Series* is “Landscape-scale variation in coral reef community structure in the U.S. Virgin Islands,” by Dr. **Peter Edmunds**.

Drs. **Steeve Comeau**, **Robert Carpenter**, Y Nojiri, H. Putnam, K. Sakai, and **Edmunds** have a paper in *Proceedings of the Royal Society of London B*, “Pacific-wide contrast highlights resistance of reef calcifiers to ocean acidification.”

Alumna Seeking Doctorate

Former MS student **Beth Lenz** is now at the University of Hawaii starting a Ph.D. program in Marine Biology.

Advisement Mandatory for Freshman & Sophomore Biology Majors

All Biology majors in their first or second year must talk to an advisor or attend an advisement workshop before they can enroll in spring classes; only after an advisor removes this “hold” can these students register for classes. The advisement rules are not the same for everyone. Below is an abbreviated version of the rules sent recently to all freshmen and sophomores.

- **First-year freshman (0–29 units completed):** Freshmen in their first or second semester, that is, who began attending classes at CSUN in the spring, summer, or fall semester of 2014, must be individually advised in the College of Science and Math’s SSC/EOP office in EH 2126. Call (818) 677-4558 to schedule an appointment; walk-ins are not allowed. Although **only advisors in the SSC/EOP office can remove the hold on a first-year**

freshman's record, Biology advisors are always willing to talk with first-year freshmen.

- **Second- or third-year Freshmen (0–29 units completed)**: Freshmen who first enrolled in CSUN classes prior to spring 2014 follow the same rules as sophomores (see below).

- **Sophomores (30–59 units completed)**: Sophomores who last year attended a Department of Biology Advising Workshop, or who received credit for viewing an online workshop and passing a quiz on the material, are required to schedule a one-on-one advisement session with a Biology Advisor in CR 5104. An advisement session is *mandatory*; re-attending a workshop is not sufficient. Appointments are made [online](#).

Sophomores who have *not* previously attended a Department of Biology Advisement Workshop **MUST** register for and attend one this fall. At the workshop, Drs. Dole and Richardson will discuss a variety of issues relevant to academic success. Attending a workshop—provided you arrive on time and do not leave early—will constitute advisement for this semester, after which your hold will be removed so that you can register. Workshops begin on Monday 6 October; to reserve a spot for the workshop of your choice, go to [Moodle](#) and click on “Lower Division Biology Advisement.”

The above is a summary; to see the rules in their entirety re-read Dr. Allen's original memo or refer to a copy of his letter posted on the Biology Advisement door (CR 5104).

Celebrate, Donate

In June, Marine Biologist Dr. **Janet Kübler**'s publications were cited in the scientific literature for the 1000th time. She is celebrating by donating \$1000 and 100 volunteer hours to environmental organizations this year. She challenges her colleagues to “Celebrate and Donate” their citation numbers, too!

New Funding on Sexes of Fishes

Drs. **Mark Steele** and **Mia Adreani**, along with colleagues Scott Hamilton (Moss Landing Marine Labs) and Will White (UNC Wilmington), were awarded a \$727,798 grant from the National Science Foundation to study the impacts of size-selective mortality on sex-changing fishes. This research will combine field experiments on three fish species at Santa Catalina Island, with mathematical modeling of population dynamics.

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