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The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

Biology Colloquium: Friday, 13 November 2015, 2:00 pm in CR 5125

“Fear, Fleeing, and Fighting: The Evolution of Antipredator Defenses in Mammals”

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CSUN Closed on Wednesday

Happy Veterans Day, a.k.a.
Armistice Day.

New Publication

Drs. **Janet Kübler** and **Steve Dudgeon** are authors of “Predicting effects of ocean acidification and warming on algae lacking carbon-concentrating mechanisms” now out in *PLOS ONE*.

Meeting on Southwestern Organismal Biology

Members of the **Espinoza** and **Robertson** labs presented talks at the SICB Regional Southwestern Organismal Biology meeting held at Cal Poly Pomona.

- “Where you’re from and how you spit game: geographic variation in mating signals of red-eyed treefrogs” by **Maria Akopyan** with coauthors.

- “Evolution in the ‘hood: rapid continental spread and local adaptation by successful Invasive gecko” by Dr. **Robert Espinoza** and coauthors.
- “Sex in the lab: using ART to facilitate breeding in red-eyed treefrogs” by **Leah Jacobs** and coauthors.

Become a Teacher without Debt

Are you a Math, Science, or Engineering major? Have you thought about teaching? CSUNoyce Scholars is an NSF-supported program for students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). The scholarships are for senior STEM majors who will enroll in the credential program at CSUN. Scholarships are offered twice a year for up to \$6000 a semester (\$12,000/year). The deadline is Tuesday, 17 November. Interviews will be held before the end of the semester. Visit the [Noyce website](#) for more information and an application or email virginia.vandergon@csun.edu.

In Support of CSUN's Cats

CSUN's Cat People is conducting its 4th annual cat food drive from now until 1 December. A collection box has been placed in the Biology office, and donations of unopened canned or dry cat food are welcome. (Donations of dog food are also welcome and will be donated to a no-kill animal rescue organization.)

The food will support the feral cat population on the CSUN campus. In the 15 years since the CSUN Cat People started managing the campus cats through Trap-Neuter-Release and adopting out of socialized cats, the number of feral cats has dropped from an estimated 75 to fewer than 20. This year marked a milestone for the cat population, as there were no kittens born on campus.

A Thousand Here, a Thousand There

Graduate student **Nickie Cammisa** has been awarded the Empacadora Fruticola Santa Ines S.A. de C.V. Scholarship (\$1000).

Guide to Sustainable Living

Former Biology grad student and current Botanic Garden technician **Ann Dorsey** has started a website, "[A guide to sustainable living](#)," which has great tips for going light on the planet.

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