



Biosphere

The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

Biology Colloquium (Friday 2 PM in CR 5125)

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“Reprogramming our Understanding of Development and Disease”

Biology students moving on to PhD programs !

Around this time of the year, several of our students accept offers from renowned PhD programs around the country, as they continue on their path to become professional scientists. Below is our shout-out to all of you, as a rather small but heart-felt token of celebration, recognition, shared pride and excitement for such important step in your careers.

Some of you will stay close to home, in California: **Hannah Nelson** (Edmunds lab) will go to *UC Davis*, **Alberto Camacho** (Rogers lab) will go to *UC Merced*, **Jessie Buth** (A. Metzenberg lab) will go to *UCLA* and **Nicholas Rhoades** (Flores lab) will attend UC Irvine. Some of you may even run into each other and reminisce the good old times at CSUN: **Malachia Hoover** (Kelber lab) and **Brenda Velasco** (Stein lab) will attend different PhD programs at *Stanford University*. Some will venture a little further north on the West coast, like **Calvin Apodaca** (Loza-Coll lab), who will join the University of Washington, while others will move across the country, like **Maria Akopyan** (Robertson lab), who will train at *Cornell University*. And while many of you will pursue more traditional PhD programs, others have chosen exciting alternative paths for their doctoral training, like **Nickie Cammisa** (terHorst lab) who will be part of the Doctorate in Environmental Science and Engineering (D.Env) at *UCLA*.

No matter where the road takes you and through the ups and downs of a doctoral dissertation, on behalf of your labmates, classmates, teachers, mentors, staff and friends in the Department of Biology at CSUN, we wish you the best of luck in your quest ahead!

New publications

Dr. Chhandak Basu and former graduate students **Michel Chaires** and **Dinesh Gupta**, in collaboration with **Dr. Kerry Cooper** and a colleague from Fort Valley State University published a paper in the *Journal of Plant Interactions*, titled “RNA-seq analysis of the salt stress-induced transcripts in fast-growing bioenergy tree, *Paulownia elongate*”.

Dr. Casey terHorst published a paper in *Ecology*, titled “Quantifying non-additive selection in response to indirect ecological effects: Reply to Comment”, where he refined previous work and explored new ideas as a result of enriching discussions of a previous paper with colleagues in the field.

Writing a Research Paper – a new workshop by students for students

Sarah Merolla and **Josh Manning** will discuss best practices when conducting a literature search using various databases and resources, and tips on how to organize your references using Zotero. The workshop will take place on March 29 in Magnolia Hall 4111. RSVP at csunmbgsa@gmail.com with the title “Workshop RSVP” if you would like to attend.

West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference

The 42nd annual WCBSURC meeting returns to Santa Clara University on April 22, 2017.

The deadline for submitting [abstracts for student talks & posters](#) and benefitting from [early registration](#) discounts is tomorrow, **March 17** (but registration is open through April 14).

Visit the [conference’s website](#) for more information.