Biology Colloquium (Friday 2 PM in CR 5125)  
Dr. Gregory B. Pauly  
National History Museum of Los Angeles County  

“Reptile & Amphibian Discoveries from Southern California’s Citizen Scientist Army”

CSUN Biology Student Receives the President’s Leadership Award  
Roselva Merida (Rose), a Cell and Molecular Biology major who was admitted to the Student Health Professionals Pre-Entry Program (SHP-PEP) in 2015, is the recipient of this year’s Dianne Harrison Leadership Award. Rose is a Producer with Associated Students and served as a New Student Orientation leader. Congratulations Rose!

New Publications  
Oncotarget published “A novel method for RNA extraction from FFPE samples reveals significant differences in biomarker expression between orthotopic and subcutaneous pancreatic cancer patient-derived xenografts”, by first co-authors Malachia Hoover and Yvess Adamian and supervision by Dr. Jonathan Kelber.


Dr. Maria Elena Zavala co-authored an essay titled “Improving Underrepresented Minority Student Persistence in STEM” for CBE – Life Sciences Education.

Dr. Casey terHorst and postdoc Dr. Peter Zee published "Eco-evolutionary dynamics in plant-soil feedbacks" in Functional Ecology.
Biology Professor, a Role Model

Minority Access, a non-profit organization committed to increasing diversity, decreasing disparities and reducing incidences of environmental injustices has accepted President Harrison’s nomination of Dr. Maria Elena Zavala as a National Role Model.

The Robertson Lab on Tour

The Robertson Lab attended and presented their research at two scientific meetings over the summer. At the Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists & Herpetologists in New Orleans, Maria Akopyan presented “Characterizing reproductive isolation across clinal populations of the red-eyed treefrog using population genomics”; Nava, R presented “Local Standard of Beauty: Non-clinal Assortative Mating Along a Red-eyed Treefrog Cline”; Leah Jacobs presented “Sex In The Lab: Variation In Male Spermiation Response To Exogenous Hormones In Divergent Populations Of Red-Eyed Treefrogs” and Rachel Rhymer and Maria Akopyan presented “Life on the Rocks: Shallow Genetic Structure in a Narrowly Endemic Lizard from the Argentine Puna” from the Robertson and Espinoza labs. Maria Akopyan also presented “Interactive courtship behavior varies geographically in divergent populations of a Neotropical frog” at the Evolution Meeting.

Continued Support to RISE

Dr. Maria Zavala and collaborators received $1,765,109 to support the RISE program for another three years (2016-19).

The Richard Duenckel Garden Club Scholarship

(application due by 5pm on Friday September 30)

The Richard Duenckel Garden Club Scholarship Fund is searching for CSUN students interested in the study of plants (botany, horticulture, conservation, and related topics). The awardee will receive $1,500 for fees and books, and will be expected to attend a meeting of the Richard Duenckel Garden Club to discuss his or her studies and projects.

For application requirements and coversheet click here

Los Angeles Center for Urban Natural Resources Sustainability

2016 Rapid Response Science Fellowship

Research opportunities for graduate students from diverse academic disciplines and sociodemographic backgrounds. Selected Fellows will receive a stipend of $5,000 and will be expected to present their contribution to the core mission and vision of the Los Angeles Center for Urban Natural Resources Sustainability in the Spring 2017.

Applications due September 30 – results will be announced in October.

For full program details and application form click here.