



# Biosphere

## The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

**Biology Colloquium (Friday 2 PM in CR 5125)**

Dr. Morris Maduro

*University of California, Riverside*

*“Organogenesis of the *C. elegans* Gut: Connecting Specification to Differentiation”*

### **A shared concern about the future of the Sierra Nevada**

**Dr. Marc Meyer**, a CSUN alumnus from the laboratory of **Dr. Paula Schiffman**, was recently quoted in a [Los Angeles Times article](#) (January 27, 2017) about the massive effects that fire suppression, the multi-year drought and bark beetle infestations are having on the ecology of California's Sierra Nevada forests. According to Dr. Meyer and colleagues, the on-going environmental changes are so enormous that it is very difficult to predict what the forests will be like in the future. After CSUN, **Dr. Meyer** earned a Ph.D. at U.C. Davis (2003) and has been employed as an U.S. Forest Service ecologist in the Sierra Nevada Mountains since.

### **A CSUN Biology voice to shape the next generation of scientists**

**Dr. Maria Elena Zavala** has been vetted to serve on a Congressional mandated committee of the National Academy of Sciences. The committee appointment is for 18 months and will focus on "Next Generation Researchers Initiative". She is the only member from a minority-serving and predominately undergraduate university on this committee.

### **2017-2018 Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP)**

Call for applications – deadline on **Feb 28 !!**

The purpose of the CDIP is to increase the number of doctoral students applying for future CSU faculty positions. The CDIP will lend up to \$10,000/year (max \$30,000 in 5 years) to full-time graduate students pursuing doctoral degrees at accredited universities. If the participant obtains a full-time instructional faculty position in the CSU, loan principal and interest are “forgiven” at a rate of 20% for each year of service.

Completed applications must be received in the **Office of Graduate Studies by February 28.**

*\*\*\* Please do not send the applications directly to the Chancellor's Office \*\*\*.*

For details about this program please visit the [CDIP website](#).