



Biosphere

The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

Biology Colloquium – Fall 2017
Friday Sep 15, 2-3pm, CR5125

“Using Genomics to Understand the Molecular Basis of Drug-Induced Neurotoxicity”

Dr. Deanna Kroetz
(University of California, San Francisco)

New publication

Dr. Rachel Mackelprang and her students **Alexander Burkert** and **Tara Mahendrarajah** have recently published “Microbial survival strategies in ancient permafrost: insights from metagenomics” in *The ISME Journal: Multidisciplinary Journal of Microbial Ecology*. They collaborated with colleagues from the US Geological Survey and the US Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory. **Alex** and **Tara** have also recently presented their work at the Polar and Alpine Microbiology Conference in Nuuk, Greenland, where **Dr. Mackelprang** was an invited speaker.

Bio students: Last days to self-manage your schedule

Tomorrow marks the end of week three of the term, meaning that students will no longer be

able to adjust their class schedules without special permission from the chair (week 4) or an associate dean (week 5+). Campus policy allows changes only when students have documented unforeseeable events that arose out of their control. Save yourself from unnecessary hassle and distractions and make sure that you are enrolled only in the classes you want. Thanks.

CSM has gone social!

The College of Science and Mathematics has officially launched their social platforms on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) !! These sites are a place for ALL CSM Departments to announce events, accomplishments, opportunities and engage with CSM Majors and the campus community. **Christina Espinoza-Guzman**, CSM Graduation and Retention Advising Specialist, will be the administrator and she

encourages everyone to share info about upcoming programs, articles, jokes, and important announcements to connect with our students.

Writing Wednesdays are back!

Bio faculty are continuing their tradition of carving some protected time from their hectic schedules to get some research writing done. Wednesdays from 9-12 in CR5102.



Fall 2017 CSUN Tech Fest

Tuesday, September 19 - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm @ USU, Northridge Center

There will be 40 STEM employers offering full-time, part-time, and internship opportunities to CSUN students and alumni. This event is a great way for students interested in STEM industries to network with employers, practice job seeking skills, showcase their work and gain employment. Students should bring a resume and be prepared to present themselves

ORSP webinar series – Finding Success with an NIH R01 Thursday, September 21 - 11:00 am – 12:30 pm @ UH 275

Presented by Karen Briski, Professor, University of Louisiana, Monroe. This webinar is recommended for all faculty interested in learning about submitting or resubmitting an R01.

CSUN Biology alumni at the Wildlife Learning Center's are offering 50% discounted tickets to its fundraiser party on Saturday, October 14 to biology faculty, staff and their families. They will have animal interaction stations (giraffe and sloth), appetizers, dinner, dessert, open full bar, free valet parking, a live animal show, live music and an awards ceremony. You cannot buy these discounted tickets through their website - call their office at 818-362-8711 and mention the "CSUN INSIDERS DEAL".

A promotional poster for the Wildlife Learning Center's "Save The Date Safari Night Awards Dinner". The poster features a dark background with a pair of glowing blue eyes in the center, resembling a leopard's. At the top, there is a circular logo for the Wildlife Learning Center. The text on the poster includes the event title, date and time, and details about the dinner and ticket information.

Save The Date
Safari Night Awards Dinner
October 14th 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Spent an evening at Wildlife Learning Center for our biggest party of the year! All inclusive tickets are now on sale for our annual Safari Night Awards Dinner where guests will enjoy appetizers, dinner, open bar and dessert. There will be 5 animal interaction stations with photo opportunities, award presentation, live auction, live music, free valet parking and a wildlife presentation.

Your attendance supports WLC's efforts to care for animals in need and to further educate the public in the life sciences and conservation. Join us for the wildest party in Los Angeles and help a great cause!

Tables and Individual Seat Tickets - Now On Sale!
www.WildlifeLearningCenter.org or call 818-362-8711
Tables range from \$2500 - \$5000. Individual seats are \$250