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Biology Colloquium (Friday 2 PM in EH 2132)

Dr. Patricia Berger, University of California, Davis

“Molecular Studies of Fertilization”

- *Professional Presentations*—Jessica Dooley (Advisor, Dr. Hertel), former graduate student Diego Sustaita (MS 2005, Dr. Hertel), and Associate Professor Fritz Hertel are presenting their research this week at the *North American Ornithological Conference* in Veracruz, México
- *Publications*—Ziba Razinia (MS 2006) and Professor Steve Oppenheimer coauthored a paper that was accepted in *Zygote* • Stephanie Talmage (Dr. Carpenter) had a paper published in *Marine Biology* based on research she conducted while at Cornell University
- *Another Future Ph.D.*—Kaushali Thakore-Shah (MS 2006, Dr. A. Metzenberg) started in the Ph.D. program at UCLA this fall
- *Training Future Science Educators*—Assistant Professor Gini Vandergon’s program, *Tomorrow’s Scientists* is underway for the next 8 weeks in Live Oak Hall; the program prepares elementary science teachers by having the teachers in training teach hands-on life science experiments 7th graders from economically impoverished areas
- *Serving the Community*—5 October is *First Thursday* at the Botanic Garden, which welcomes visitors for lunch (BYO) at noon to find out what’s new, in bloom, or botanically interesting in the garden (meet at the picnic benches)
- *Application Deadlines*—5 October: *Graduate Thesis, Project or Performance Support Program* (research funds for grads) • 9 October: *Distinguished Visiting Speakers Program*; both applications are available online at the Graduate Studies web site
- *Students Build Insect Collection*—Associate Professor Dave Gray and his Entomology students (BIOL 513) spent 5 days in Arizona collecting ~500 insects, which will be added to the CSUN Insect Collection, currently ~50,000 specimens strong