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- *New Professors!* — Biology welcomes new Assistant Professors: Dr. Sean Murray and Dr. Mark Steele
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- *Awards*— Dr. Maria Elena Zavala and coauthors won a Bronze at the 2007 Independent Publisher Book Awards for their book *Flor y Ciencia* • Graduate student Hollie Putnam (Advisor, Dr. Edmunds) has received four awards and scholarships for 2007-2008 including a Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholarship, a CSUN James R. Simpson Scholarship, an International Women's Fishing Association Ryan Kelley Memorial Scholarship, and a Marshall H. and Nellie Alworth Memorial Scholarship
- *Publications*—Former graduate student Maribel Alvarez, former undergraduate Jennifer Nnoli, and their advisor Dr. Steven Oppenheimer have published a paper in *Acta Histochemica* • Assistant professor Sean Murray and coauthors have published their research in the Journal of Bacteriology.
- *Professional Meetings and Presentations this summer*— Dr. Polly Schiffman co-organized and presented at a special symposium on California grasslands at the Ecological Society of America meeting in San Jose • Graduate student Ann Dorsey (Advisor, Dr. Wilson) also presented at the Ecological Society of America meeting in San Jose. • Dr. Jim Hogue attended a meeting of the North American Dipterists Society in Silver City, New Mexico. • Dr. Robert Espinoza and graduate student Jarrod Percy (Advisor, Dr. Karels) each presented at the Annual Physiological Ecology meeting in Bishop, CA • Dr. Peter Edmunds attended the 3-year review of the Moorea LTER (Long Term Ecological Reserve) project in Moorea. • Graduate student Danny Green traveled to St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands to give a talk to the Association of Marine Labs of the Caribbean
- *Summer Travels* — Dr. Polly Schiffman, Dr. Jennifer Matos and a number of other biologists explored the Galapagos Islands. Dr. James Hogue spent nine days in the mountains of southern Arizona and New Mexico collecting hundreds of insects, flowering plants, and mosses • Hollie Putnam (Advisor, Dr. Edmunds) spent two months in Taiwan working at the National Museum of Marine Biology and the Aquarium while supported by an NSF-East Asia Pacific Summer Institute award.