



BIOSPHERE

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Biology Colloquium: Friday, 24 February 2012, 2:00 pm in CR 5125

“The Molecular Genetics of Cell Migration in *C. elegans*”

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Prospective Prof Interviews Continue

The Department is interviewing candidates for a tenure-track position in marine biology. The next candidate talk is Wednesday, 22 February at 11:00 am in Jacaranda Hall JD 3502 by Dr. Diane Adams. Students are encouraged to attend and provide their feedback about the candidate.

Student Research Symposium

Check out what your classmates are up to. Talks and posters from all disciplines throughout the university will be presented on Friday, 24 February. Start at the Grand Salon in University Student Union – get a schedule and free doughnut at 8:00.

Gray Lab Still on a Roll

Former graduate student **Jen Paur** and **Dr. David Gray** are the authors of “Seasonal dynamics and overwintering strategy of the tachinid fly *Ormia*

ochracea in southern California,” which recently appeared in *Terrestrial Arthropod Reviews*. This is the second paper to stem from Paur’s master’s thesis. And who’s even counting the number of papers to come out of the Gray lab since Labor Day?

Apply Now for Marine Biology Semester

The Marine Biology semester will be offered in fall 2012. Students will study and live at the *Wrigley Marine Science Center* on Santa Catalina Island. This location provides access to pristine marine habitats for field study, as well as breathtaking island views.

Students will take three courses plus Directed Research or a Seminar for a total of 15 units. For Environmental Biology or Marine Biology B.S. students, these units count toward the selective program. For Biology B.A. students, 11 of the units can be applied. Graduate students are also encouraged to enroll.

The courses are BIOL 421/L/492B Marine Biology (**Dr. Steve Dudgeon**),

BIOL 313/L/392B Invertebrate Zoology (**Dr. Peter Edmunds**), and BIOL 504/L/592P Phycology (**Dr. Robert Carpenter**), along with the more individually customized work. All courses provide a strong element of hands-on field experience. These courses will occupy daytime, and in many cases, evening hours as well as some weekends.

Although only snorkeling skills are required for class participation, a course in research diving is planned before the semester begins for those who wish to dive on SCUBA. The SCUBA course (additional fees apply) certifies those with prior SCUBA certification as Research Divers.

The *Wrigley Center* is on an undeveloped portion of the Island, approximately 40–50-min walk from Two Harbors. On-site accommodations are dormitory style, and students receive three meals a day. The teaching labs and auditorium are state of the art.

PROJECTED COSTS¹

A. Tuition

CSU Undergraduate student\$2761
 CSU Graduate student\$3329

B. Board and Lodging\$4389

C. Lab and Facility Fees..... CSU \$807

Application information can be obtained at <http://osi.scmi.us> and clicking on CSU Catalina Semester.

So much Hassle for a Tassel: Are You Ready to Graduate?

Graduating seniors (those who graduated in fall 2011, or will have earned their degree in spring or summer 2012) must apply for graduation at Admissions & Records by Friday, 2 March to participate in commencement ceremonies. Failure to meet this deadline may result in not being able to participate in the 2012 commencement ceremonies. You can verify that you have successfully applied for graduation by contacting Graduation Evaluations in Admissions & Records (818-677-4800). Biology graduates participate in the College of Science and Mathematics commencement on Tuesday, 22 May at 3:30 pm on the Manzanita Hall Lawn. Check out www.csun.edu/commencement for more commencement information.

¹ Costs subject to change.

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