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No Biology Colloquium This Week

CSUN Prof in Germany

Dr. **Dave Gray** was recently in Berlin, meeting with collaborators on the “GenArt Functional Genomics of Speciation” network. He gave a talk at the Museum für Naturkunde—Leibniz-Institut für Evolutions- und Biodiversitätsforschung an der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. He also got to see in person the original and best-preserved *Archaeopteryx* fossil.

New Publications

Drs. **Clare Wormald**, **Mark Steele**, and **Graham Forrester** just had a paper published in *Ecological Applications* titled, “High population density enhances recruitment and survival in a harvested coral reef fish.”

The Bulletin of the Southern California Academy of Sciences has published, “Fishery-dependent estimates of growth, development, and reproduction in Gulf Corvina.” The lead author, **Katie Gherard**, conducted the research as a master’s student in Dr. **Larry Allen**’s lab.

Teaching Environmental Educators

Dr. **Polly Schiffman** taught a workshop on grassland ecology at Malibu Creek State Park for a weekend event organized by two local groups of volunteer environmental educators, the Topanga Canyon Docents

and the Malibu Creek Docents. The following day, Dr. **Jim Hogue** taught a workshop on beetles.

Junior & Senior Biology Majors must be Advised—make Appointment

To facilitate your degree progression and academic success, all Biology majors who have completed 60 or more units must seek advisement before registering for fall classes. A hold has been placed on all such students’ records; only a Biology advisor can remove this hold.

Before your appointment, use the My Academic Planner (MAP) tool within the portal. If you are not sure how to use MAP, review the [MAP website](#).

(1a) If you are a junior (60–89 units), enter the courses you plan to take next fall on your MAP.

(1b) If you are a senior (90+ units) and have already filed for graduation, enter on your MAP, semester by semester, all the courses you plan to take to complete your degree requirements.

(1c) If you are a senior (90+ units) and have **not** yet filed for graduation, come to advising prepared to file for graduation. For this, you must: (i) enter on your MAP, semester by semester, all courses you plan to take to complete your degree, click on “submit your plan” and print out the results; (ii) download the [Application for Bachelor’s Degree and Diploma](#) and fill in the top half

of the form; and (iii) bring both to your appointment.

To make an advisement appointment, go to the Biology Advisement Center (CR 5104) and sign in for any open time slot. Each appointment is for 20 minutes. Make your appointment well in advance of your registration date. If you miss your appointment, or if you arrive late or unprepared, your appointment will be canceled and you will be required to make another.

Students without an appointment (walk-ins) will be accommodated only as time permits (e.g., if another student with an appointment cancels or fails to show).

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