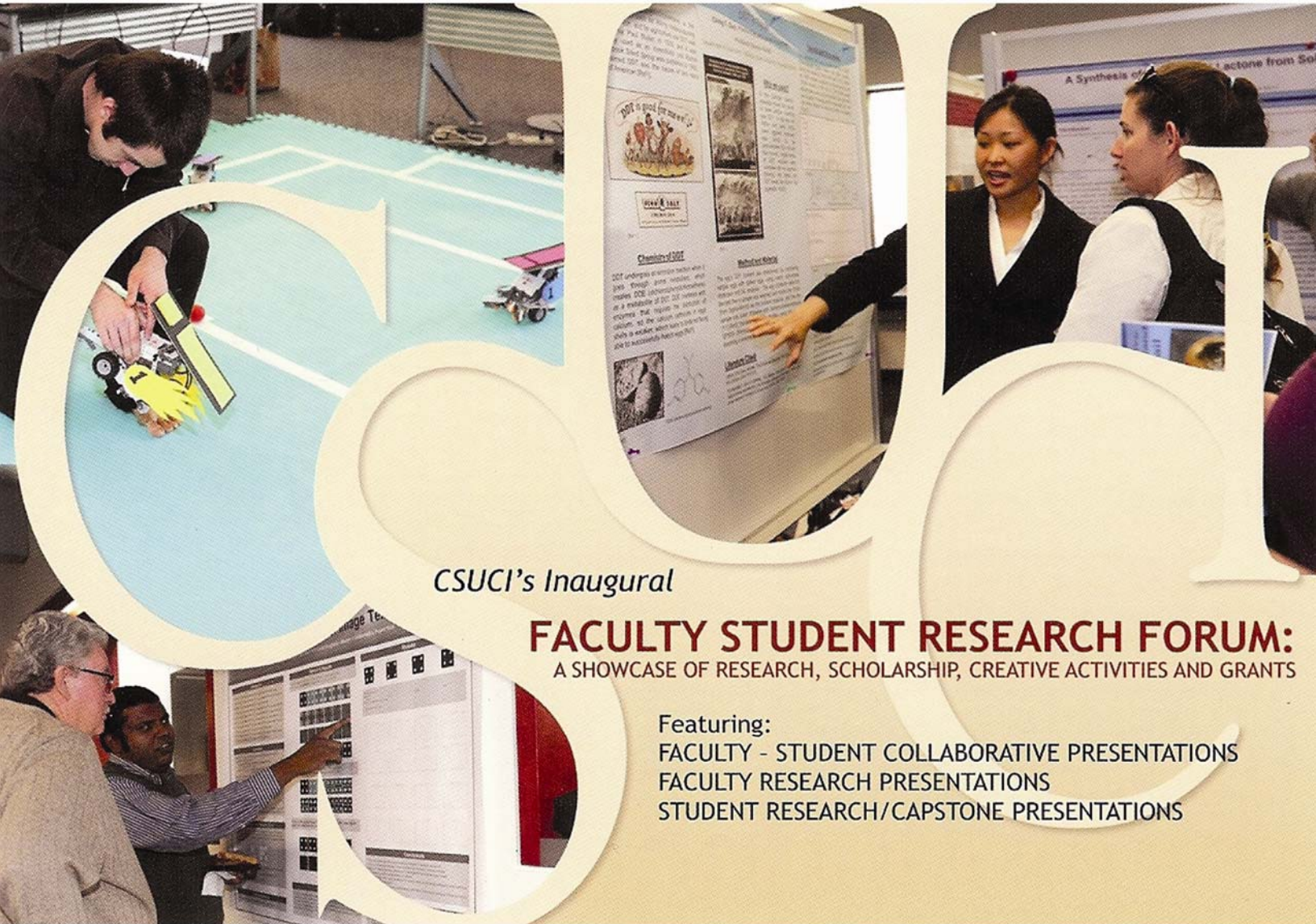


# 2009

May 9, 2009

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# *Schedule of Events*

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**Saturday, May 9, 2009**

9:15 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast  
*Broome Library-Group Study*

9:45 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks  
Dr. Richard Rush, President  
*Broome Library-Group Study*

10:00 a.m.-Noon

Oral Presentations  
*Broome Library Classrooms*

Poster Presentations  
*Broome Library Exhibition Hall and Reading  
Room*

# *A Welcome Letter from the Provost and Dean*

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May 9, 2009

Dear CI Colleagues and Community Guests:

Welcome to the Inaugural Faculty and Student Research Forum at California State University Channel Islands. This event is an exciting opportunity to experience the best of research, scholarship, and creative activities at CI. Students and faculty alike will share their discoveries, whether they are examining *Interventions and Preventions of Childhood Obesity*, exploring the *Prehistoric Occupation of Santa Cruz Island* or experimenting on the *Effects of Small Molecule Antioxidants and Drugs on Human Neural Stem Cell Proliferation and Differentiation*.

The Forum is a celebration of the accomplishments of our students and the efforts of our faculty. This collaboration between the students and faculty is a CI hallmark. We hope that this forum will inspire continued scholarly and creative achievements both in our students and faculty and that our guests will gain an appreciation for the academic excellence fostered at CI.

Thank you for supporting our students and faculty. We especially want to acknowledge and congratulate the faculty who have devoted so much of their time and effort in engaging our students in research, scholarship, and creative activities.

Sincerely,



Dawn Neuman  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



Ashish K. Vaidya  
Dean of the Faculty





# *Oral Presentations*

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Each presentation is allotted 25 minutes followed by a 5-minute question and answer period. Participants and guests are requested not to enter or leave the rooms during the presentations.

| <b>Broome Library 1350</b> |  |   |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| <u>Time</u>                | <u>Presenter(s)</u>  | <u>Title</u>  |
| 10:00 a.m.                 | Christina Fahim, Lisa Winfrey,<br>Amanda Goldstein, Dr. Donald<br>Rodriguez and Dr. Angela Chapman<br><i>Biology and Environmental Science and<br/>Resource Management</i> | A Comparison of Current and Historical<br>Shorebird Populations in Ventura County |
| 10:30 a.m.                 | Hannah Lau<br><i>History</i>   | Past and Present: The Hula and its Dancer   |
| 11:00 a.m.                 | Douglas Holmes<br><i>Computer Science</i>  | Graduation Requirements Checker using OWL   |
| 11:30 a.m.                 | Josefina Flores, Kathleen Lewis and<br>Derek DeSantis<br><i>Mathematics</i>  | Mathematical Modeling of Structured Textures                                      |

| <b>Broome Library 1360</b> |   |   |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| <u>Time</u>                | <u>Presenter(s)</u>   | <u>Title</u>  |
| 10:00 a.m.                 | Dr. Scott Frisch and Dr. Sean Kelly<br><i>Political Science</i>                     | Cheese Factories on the Moon: Why Earmarks<br>are Good for American Democracy   |
| 10:30 a.m.                 | Dr. Tracylee Clarke<br><i>Communication</i>   | Native Americans and Nuclear Waste:<br>Narratives of Conflict – The Storing of Nuclear<br>Waste on the Skull Valley Goshute Reservation |
| 11:00 a.m.                 | Dr. Tiina Itkonen and Douglas<br>Whitesell<br><i>Education and Computer Science</i> | Frames, Mobilization, and Policy Outcomes:<br>Comparing Autism versus Mental Retardation<br>Activism                                    |
| 11:30 a.m.                 | Andrew Mostowa, Margaret Freaney<br>and Dr. Jesse Elliott<br><i>Mathematics</i>     | Presentations of integer-valued polynomial<br>rings   |



**Broome Library 1420-Exhibition Hall**

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Presenter(s)</u>                       | <u>Title</u>                        |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 10:30 a.m.  | Leah Cunningham<br><i>Performing Arts</i> | Demonstrations of Acting Techniques |
| 11:00 a.m.  | Corey Colin<br><i>Performing Arts</i>     | Clichés and Playwriting in Practice |

**Broome Library 1750**

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Presenter(s)</u>  | <u>Title</u>  |
|-------------|--|---|
| 10:00 a.m.  | Heather Martin<br><i>Environmental Science and Resource Management</i>   | Growth of Invasive New Zealand Mud Snails   |
| 10:30 a.m.  | Fahimeh Fakour<br><i>Computer Science</i>  | Bridging Languages: Research on Statistical Machine Translation   |
| 11:00 a.m.  | Jennifer Ormond<br><i>Environmental Science and Resource Management</i>  | Using benthic macroinvertebrates to evaluate land-use impacts on water quality: A Santa Clara River Watershed Study |
| 11:30 a.m.  | Dr. AJ Bieszczad, Douglas Holmes, Jonathan Neypes, Maximillian Kaufmann, Nicholas Peters and Fahimeh Fakour<br><i>Computer Science</i> | Brain-inspired forecasting models   |

**Broome Library 1756**

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Presenter(s)</u>  | <u>Title</u>   |
|-------------|--|--|
| 10:00 a.m.  | Andrew Ritchie and Dr. Blake Gillespie<br><i>Chemistry</i>   | Ligand-Dependent Conformational Dynamics of CusF, a Copper-Binding Protein, Measured by Hydrogen-Exchange NMR. |
| 10:30 a.m.  | Dr. Colleen Delaney-Rivera, Riley Cleveland, Tobias Grether, Garrett Kuiken, Meghan Koch, and Danielle Tusi<br><i>Anthropology</i> | History of Human Occupation at Rancho Guadaldasca  |
| 11:00 a.m.  | Dr. Sunghee Choi, Jessica Goede and Gillian McPherson<br><i>Sociology</i>  | Ventura County Hunger Study 2009   |
| 11:30 a.m.  | Dr. Dennis J. Downey and Sara Griffin<br><i>Sociology</i>  | Patronage of the Camarillo Farmers Market: Patterns & Social Significance                                      |

**Broome Library 1760 Art Computer Lab**

Digital Art Presentations

**Broome Library 2325**

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Presenter(s)</u>  | <u>Title</u>  |
|-------------|--|---|
| 10:30 a.m.  | Tanen Brown, Mary Grabiak, Maya Karta and Sid Pehrson<br><i>Biology</i>  | Chemical Screening of Natural Plant Extracts for Inhibition of Cellular Growth                          |
| 11:00 a.m.  | Ashley Bonneau<br><i>Biology</i>   | Silencing of Rheb2 in mammalian cells   |
| 11:30 a.m.  | Bianca Villalobos, Ashley Callan, Katherine Campanelli, Meghan Miles, Tina Brenner and Dr. Kimmy Kee-Rose<br><i>Psychology</i> | Theory-of-Mind and Social Functioning in Natural Sciences versus Social Sciences Undergraduate Students |

**Broome Library 2330**

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Presenter(s)</u>  | <u>Title</u>  |
|-------------|--|---|
| 10:30am     | Colleen Mehlberg<br><i>Environmental Science and Resource Management</i> | How Bacterial Water Quality Varies in Relation to Storm Drains in the Ventura Harbor                      |
| 11:30am     | Matthew Tyler Misenhimer<br><i>Computer Science &amp; Mathematics</i>    | An Algorithm to solve for the Exact Solution to the Symmetric, Fully Connected Traveling Salesman Problem |

**Broome Library 2480**

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Presenter(s)</u>  | <u>Title</u>  |
|-------------|--|---|
| 10:00am     | Laura Dolan<br><i>Sociology</i>  | Where Have All the Good Guys Gone? The Feminization of Volunteerism                                       |
| 10:30am     | Aimee DeSiderio<br><i>Sociology</i>  | The Effects of Food Insecurity on Mental Health-FOOD Share  |
| 11:00am     | Maricela Lemus<br><i>Sociology</i>   | One Community, One Voice: Rescuing Political Engagement through Community Development Organizations- CEDC |
| 11:30am     | Heather Martin, Alison Wall, Lydia Nguyen and Andrew Domingo<br><i>Environmental Science and Resource Management</i> | Hawaii's humpback whales - Establishing critical habitat requirements                                     |

# Oral Presentation-Abstracts

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## **A Comparison of Current and Historical Shorebird Populations in Ventura County**

*Presenter(s): Christina Fabim, Lisa Winfrey, Amanda Goldstein, Dr. Donald Rodriguez and Dr. Angela Chapman*

*Location: Broome Library 1350*

*Time: 10:00 a.m.*

The primary goal of this study is to continue the development of a long term data set of coastal bird observations to quantitatively investigate shorebird species and their seasonal populations along the Ventura County coastline. Fourteen one-kilometer transects, are being monitored monthly for three years. Results of this study will be compared to a similar three year study completed from 1994-1997 to improve our understanding of the effects of human activities on the coastal environment. Preliminary data analysis suggests that over the last decade there has been a decline in total numbers of shorebirds using the Ventura County beaches.

## **Cheese Factories on the Moon: Why Earmarks are Good for American Democracy**

*Presenter(s): Dr. Scott Frisch and Dr. Sean Kelly*

*Location: Broome Library 1360*

*Time: 10:00 a.m.*

Congressional earmarks have come to symbolize all that is wrong with our system of government. The popular depiction, fed by media exposes of projects such as the infamous “Bridge to Nowhere,” is of a Congress obsessed with wasteful local projects fueled by the demands of greedy lobbyists and then delivered by Congress in exchange for campaign contributions or even worse, outright bribes. We argue and demonstrated that there is nothing essentially corrupt about congressional control of the purse strings, in fact the framers of the Constitution feared the concentration of spending power in the hands of the executive and therefore gave Congress the appropriations power. Earmarks have advanced good policy and are often very similar to spending on projects that are not earmarked. Furthermore, legislatures must produce majority coalitions supporting bills which contain provisions that will be unpopular with

many, and therefore typically have developed mechanisms to make legislation more palatable to ensure passage. Earmarks often provide the sugar that allows the bitter legislative pill to be swallowed.

## **New Zealand Mud Snail Research in the Santa Clara Watershed**

*Presenter(s): Heather Martin*

*Location: Broome Library 1750*

*Time: 10:00 a.m.*

The non-native invasive New Zealand Mud Snail (NZMS; Hydrobiidae:Potamopyrgus antipodarum ) invaded the Snake River in 1987, and in recent years expanded across much of the western U.S. and into Ventura and Los Angeles Counties (Santa Clara, Malibu watersheds) critical to conservation of southern steelhead trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss ). To better understand where and how this invasion might spread we have begun a series of laboratory growth experiments. These data will then be used to estimate maximum growth rates under real-world conditions found throughout Ventura and southern California.

## **Past and Present: The Hula and its Dancer**

*Presenter(s): Hannah Lau*

*Location: Broome Library 1350*

*Time: 10:30 a.m.*

The Hawaiian hula has a vast history that has transformed right along with the islands themselves. My paper examines the drastic change of the hula and its dancers from a once sacred and respected religious practice to one of Hawaii’s best selling tourist commodities. The chants of the hula are a history book of the Hawaiian people and culture. My research traces the history of this cultural practice from its ancient origins to the transformations brought about by, Western culture and a foreign influx. I argue that this transformation was ultimately detrimental to the Hawaiian hula and its performers.

**Native Americans and Nuclear Waste: Narratives of Conflict – The Storing of Nuclear Waste on the Skull Valley Goshute Reservation**

*Presenter(s): Dr. Tracylee Clarke*

*Location: Broome Library 1360*

*Time: 10:30 a.m.*

For over a decade conflict among members of a small Native American in Southwestern Utah has resulted in intra-tribal fights, lawsuits, a coup and a new regime, and threats of termination of tribal membership. At the core of the conflict among members of the Skull Valley Goshutes over the storing of nuclear waste on their reservation are issues of political, cultural, and environmental identity. Using narrated identity theory by Paul Ricoeur, I analyze narratives from tribal members and conclude that both political and cultural identity are constructed, maintained, and negotiated through narratives about nuclear waste and are articulated in such a manner as to create a direct connection with the natural world creating a complex milieu for tribal policy development and decision-making.

**Demonstrations of Acting Techniques**

*Presenter(s): Leah Cunningham*

*Location: Broome Library 1420*

*Time: 11:00 a.m.*

My presentation will include a performance by myself and another student from a Tennessee Williams play, and a presentation of my research of various acting techniques that I have found to be most instrumental with my acting progression. Some of the techniques I will be discussing will include, The Stanislavsky System, The Miesner Method and The Lee Strasberg techniques on acting. The performance half of my presentation will further demonstrate the practical use and integration of the acting techniques noted above.

**Bridging Languages: Research on Statistical Machine Translation**

*Presenter(s): Fabimeh Fakour*

*Location: Broome Library 1750*

*Time: 10:30 a.m.*

Natural Language Processing focuses on the ability of computers to communicate with human beings through natural language. This project aims to explore a subfield of Natural Language Processing: statistical machine translation. The focus of this project was to implement—and experimentation with—machine learning and statistical models to translate texts between two languages, in this case English and Farsi. A text, its translation, and a dictionary of words provide the computer with a means to “learn” from this text. In this experiment, the syntax of the language is used as a basis for organizing the translated words into sentences.

**History of Human Occupation at Rancho Guadaluca**

*Presenter(s): Dr. Colleen Delaney-Rivera, Tobias Grether and Danielle Tusi*

*Location: Broome Library 1756*

*Time: 10:30 a.m.*

Professor Delaney-Rivera's current research explores the history of human occupation on the Oxnard Plain, focusing on issues related to resource availability, site location, occupational patterns, and exchange between coastal, island and mainland Chumash groups. As a part of University 498, CSUCI students have documented archaeological sites and analyzed archaeological materials recovered from several prehistoric habitation sites located within Rancho Guadaluca, a Mexican-era land grant that partially overlaps with the CSUCI campus. The ongoing analysis sheds light onto life in the CSUCI vicinity over the past 2500 years.

### **Chemical Screening of Natural Plant Extracts for Inhibition of Cellular Growth**

*Presenter(s): Tanen Brown, Mary Grabiak, Maya Karta and Sid Pebrson*

*Location: Broome Library 2325*

*Time: 10:30 a.m.*

The insulin/TSC/mTOR pathway has attracted broad scientific and clinical interest, particularly in light of the ongoing clinical cancer trials with mTOR inhibitors. The mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) is a protein which is involved in several signal transduction pathways related to cell metabolism, growth and proliferation. In the proposed study, various chemically conditioned plant extracts will be used to determine if they can inhibit mTOR signaling in a variety of mammalian cell lines and modulate cellular proliferation. Two compounds have been identified in a library of 82 compounds which drastically affect cellular growth.

### **How Bacterial Water Quality Varies in Relation to Storm Drains in the Ventura Harbor**

*Presenter(s): Colleen Mehlberg*

*Location: Broome Library 2330*

*Time: 10:30 a.m.*

Studies have demonstrated strong correlations between increased levels of fecal indicator bacteria (FIB) in marine waters and adverse human health effects including gastrointestinal, respiratory illness, and infections of the eyes, skin, and ears. Human health concerns give rise to economic incentives to regulate bacterial water quality and laws to protect the public from illness. The Ventura Harbor suffers from poor bacterial water quality but little information is available about the sources of contamination. This study looks at the impact of storm drains on the bacterial water quality within the Ventura Harbor through water quality monitoring.

### **Graduation Requirements Checker using OWL**

*Presenter(s): Douglas Holmes*

*Location: Broome Library 1350*

*Time: 11:00 a.m.*

The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) recommends a number of standards, including HTML, HTTP, XML, RDF and others, to support interoperability on the Internet. Many of the more recent standards are focused on automated, machine-level “semantic” interoperation. In this light, I present a proof-of-concept application to demonstrate the use of such a W3C standard web query language (SPARQL) to interrogate a model - or ontology - of a university catalog created using the W3C standard knowledge representation language, OWL DL. The focus of the ontology and the queries is the generation of Graduation Requirements for students with declared majors.

### **“Frames, Mobilization, and Policy Outcomes: Comparing Autism versus Mental Retardation Activism”**

*Presenter(s): Dr. Tiina Itkonen and Douglas Whitesell*

*Location: Broome Library 1360*

*Time: 11:00 a.m.*

This research employs an innovative conceptual framework for examining organized mobilization and policy influence among interest groups representing people with autism and mental retardation. Of specific interest is whether and how the values that undergird issue framing and the social construction of individuals with disabilities also affect the mobilization of interest groups and their policy influence. By linking (a) the literature on issue framing and social construction of target populations with (b) the normative and value-laden properties of social capital, we develop an interdisciplinary framework for analyzing why the interests of some persons with disabilities are well represented in policy making institutions while others’ are not. We foreground in the present analysis our theoretical framework and contributions to the extension and modification of existing theory.

### **Clichés and Playwriting in Practice**

*Presenter(s): Corey Colin*

*Location: Broome Library 1420*

*Time: 11:00 a.m.*

I will direct selected scenes from the play I wrote titled “Cert” to be performed. “Cert”, a uniquely cliché story which follows the main character Cert through a web of difficulties after a tough high school break-up. The story is a celebration of the universal similarities in life, love and what is perceived to only happen in the movies. A montage of truth, a reflection of past experience cleverly cloaked by heartbreaking formulas and comedic dialogue.

### **Using benthic macroinvertebrates to evaluate agricultural land-use impacts on water quality: A Santa Clara River Watershed Study**

*Presenter(s): Jennifer Ormond*

*Location: Broome Library 1750*

*Time: 11:00 a.m.*

The primary goal of this study is to examine how agricultural land-use practices within the Santa Clara River watershed impact benthic macroinvertebrate (BMI) communities. Nationwide, numerous studies have shown that certain land use practices cause significant impacts on their adjacent streams and rivers. 61.9 percent of the land within the Santa Clara floodplain is agriculture, with another 21.5 percent industrial, including areas zoned for mining. The remaining 16.6 percent is divided among residential, commercial, open space/recreation, and a mere 1.6 percent as vacant. This study hypothesizes that the BMI communities within the Santa Clara River watershed will be significantly impacted in streams that flow through agricultural areas.

### **Ventura County Hunger Study 2009**

*Presenter(s): Dr. Sunghee Choi, Jessica Goede and Gillian McPherson*

*Location: Broome Library 1756*

*Time: 11:00 a.m.*

The purpose of this study is (1) to assess the number of hungry and food insecure people; (2) to understand the patterns and causes of hunger and food insecurity; and (3) to evaluate how current social services programs and community agencies are effectively and adequately meeting the needs of the hungry in Oxnard, Port Hueneme, and Santa Paula. This study is particularly timely and important because it assesses how the current economic crisis is affecting the existing hungry and food insecure population and if the economic crisis has resulted in creating a newly hungry population in Ventura County.

### **Silencing of the Rheb Gene in Mammalian Cells Using RNA Interference**

*Presenter(s): Ashley Bonneau*

*Location: Broome Library 2325*

*Time: 11:00 a.m.*

Rheb is a critical component of the insulin/mTOR pathway which has been implicated in a wide variety of cancers. Understanding the regulation of this pathway is key to the development of therapeutic cues. The function of the Rheb2 gene is being analyzed in mammalian cells using RNA interference as a means of silencing the gene expression via siRNAs. We have successfully established candidate siRNAs which are efficient in knocking down expression and are presently being studied for dose and time responsive profiles. Cellular effects on cell cycle progression and intracellular signaling are also being studied using various biochemical assays.



## **Mathematical Modeling of Structured Textures**

*Presenter(s): Josefina Flores, Kathleen Lewis and Derek DeSantis*

*Location: Broome Library 1350*

*Time: 11:30 a.m*

Textures lie on a spectrum from periodic (wallpaper) to random (TV static). At either end, the choice of the mathematical model is clear. For textures in between, however, there are many options, each with strengths and weaknesses. This project examines modeling near-periodic (structured) functions as a periodic function together with a warping and uses coefficient analysis to find relationships between the periodic function and warping on one hand, and the structured function on the other.

## **Presentations of integer-valued polynomial rings**

*Presenter(s): Andrew Mostowa, Margaret Freaney and Dr. Jesse Elliott*

*Location: Broome Library 1360*

*Time: 11:30 a.m.*

Integer-valued polynomial rings provide an excellent source of examples and counterexamples in the mathematical theory of commutative rings. We will give a brief introduction to integer-valued polynomial rings for the non-mathematician and present our progress towards pinpointing a ring-theoretic “presentation” for certain rings of integer-valued polynomials.

## **Brain-inspired forecasting models**

*Presenter(s): Dr. AJ Bieszczad, Douglas Holmes, Jonathan Neypes, Maximillian Kaufmann, Nicholas Peters and Fahimeh Fakour*

*Location: Broome Library 1750*

*Time: 11:30 a.m*

Forecasting capabilities of two brain-inspired computational models are explored on several sets of historical data. The models are trained on time series, and then used to predict data from both known and unknown data sets. The learning process is based on building connections between nodes that represent the data. When the resulting connectionist network is activated at the node representing some starting datum, it generates a series that preserves the historical trends. There are numerous applications of such capabilities; for example in forecasting weather, financial markets, resource allocation, etc. The quality of predictions is measured by Symmetric Mean Absolute Percent Error (SMAPE) that evaluates the error across the whole series.

## **Patronage of the Camarillo Farmers Market: Patterns & Social Significance**

*Presenter(s): Dr. Dennis J. Downey and Sara Griffin*

*Location: Broome Library 1756*

*Time: 11:30 a.m*

Our research presents findings from a survey of patrons to a mid-sized farmers market in Camarillo, California, assessing patterns of patronage and customer satisfaction.\* The questionnaire, administered to approximately 170 patrons, included additional items designed to assess the broader role of the farmers market in the community – specifically, the relative importance of various reasons for patronage, and what that tells us about the potential for farmers markets to contribute to community-based social capital and the strength of civil society. We are currently at the stage of data analysis, so specific findings are not yet available.

### **Theory-of-Mind and Social Functioning in Natural Sciences versus Social Sciences Undergraduate Students**

*Presenter(s): Bianca Villalobos, Ashley Callan, Katherine Campanelli, Meghan Miles, Tina Brenner and Dr. Kimmy Kee-Rose*

*Location: Broome Library 2325*

*Time: 11:30 a.m.*

The current ongoing study compares Theory-of-Mind (TOM) and social functioning between 47 undergraduate students in the Natural Sciences versus 51 students in the Humanities and Social Sciences, and examines whether TOM is related to social functioning in the Natural Sciences sample. Interim analyses revealed that students in the Natural Sciences performed significantly worse in TOM compared to students in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The group difference was also significant for social functioning, with the Natural Sciences group exhibiting poorer social functioning than the Humanities and Social Sciences group. Lower scores on TOM were related to poorer social functioning in the Natural Sciences sample. These preliminary findings could potentially expand our understanding of the role of theory-of-mind and social functioning in different groups of healthy individuals.

### **An Algorithm to solve for the Exact Solution to the Symmetric, Fully Connected Traveling Salesman Problem**

*Presenter(s): Matthew Tyler Misenbimer*

*Location: Broome Library 2330*

*Time: 11:30 a.m.*

I assert that my algorithm to solve this Traveling Salesman Problem provides the exact answer to the problem, and in polynomial time. This may then prove that either this form of Traveling Salesman Problem is not NP-HARD, or that NP-HARD problems can in fact be solved in polynomial time. I will provide the solution and attempt to prove that this algorithm provides the exact answer.

### **Hawaii's humpback whales - Establishing critical habitat requirements**

*Presenter(s): Heather Martin, Alison Wall, Lydia Nguyen and Andrew Domingo*

*Location: Location 2480*

*Time: 11:30 a.m.*

Over 50% of the Central North Pacific humpback whale population congregates each winter in the waters of Hawaii. In the protected channels within the island chain the whales mate, calve and raise their young; as such these island waters represent critical habitat for this endangered species. This year, as part of an IRA funded, service learning project, an interdisciplinary group of CSUCI students and faculty embarked on a research project in this region. The aim of the project is to clearly define this critical habitat and identify the key factors that drive such specific habitat choice within the region.

# *Digital Art Presentations*

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*Faculty Member: Lizabeth King*

*Digital Art will be displayed in Broome Library 1760.*

- ❖ Sarah Abando, I Ran – Flash music video
- ❖ Afiz Adriz, Schizm Water website
- ❖ Cesar Aldana, The Taxman, Flash music video
- ❖ Spenser Allen, The Superhero? – Flash Music video
- ❖ Tony Avila, MegaByte Energy Drink website
- ❖ Amy Buchanan, Self Portrait Digital Print
- ❖ Brett Cipperly, Function website
- ❖ Cassandra Evans, [www.cledesignstudios.com](http://www.cledesignstudios.com)
- ❖ Charlotte Ferguson, Velouria website
- ❖ Claire Flores, Coin Operated Boy - Flash music video
- ❖ Lara Griffin, GT Analytical website
- ❖ Terry Harmon, - Flash music video
- ❖ Meredith Husk – Self Portrait Digital Print
- ❖ Darren Klug, portfolio website
- ❖ Matt Lawler, Tribute to Jake Starkey - Flash music video
- ❖ Joel Malone – Self Portrait Digital Print
- ❖ Michael McGarry , website: [www.mcgarrydesign.com](http://www.mcgarrydesign.com)
- ❖ Sarah Meske, I Wanna Hold Your Hand - Flash music video
- ❖ William Ngo, Self Portrait Digital Print
- ❖ Margaux Pinero, Buduke website
- ❖ Jerilee Petralba, Sakura Sake website
- ❖ Alfredo Salcedo, Portfolio website
- ❖ Merissa Stith
  - Self Portrait as Medusa Digital Print
  - Portfolio website
  - Poker Face, Flash Music Video
- ❖ Danica Suzuki – Zoot Energy Drink website
- ❖ Angelica Chong-Taylor, Vampires, Digital Print
- ❖ Katherine Thompson, Reverb Beverage website
- ❖ Melanie Tormos, Digital Print
- ❖ Lauren Uhler, Art History website
- ❖ Lydean Wooster, Silver’s Kids comic website
- ❖ Jonathan Uyemori, Self Portrait Digital Print



# *Poster Presentations*

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Posters Presentations are a mix of Faculty, Students and Faculty Student Collaborations. Posters will be displayed throughout the first floor of the Broome Library. Presenters will be available to answer questions regarding their projects.

## **Individual Poster Presentations**

| <i>Presenter</i>   | <i>Academic Program</i>                       | <i>Project Title</i>  |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Therese Joy Abad   | Nursing                                       | Disease Management of a Newly Diagnosed Lupus Patient                         |
| Dr. Mary Adler     | English                                       | Steinbeck Institute: National Endowment for the Humanities                    |
| Victor Alamillo    | Nursing                                       | Blood transfusions: Are there any alternatives?                               |
| Emmarose Ambrosio  | Nursing                                       | Treatment Regiments in Pancreatic Cancer                                      |
| Chito Atangan      | Nursing                                       | Prostate-specific Antigen Testing as a Diagnosing Tool for Prostate Cancer    |
| Nick Baca          | Chemistry                                     | Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Students                     |
| Loran Blazer       | Nursing                                       | Barriers to Cardiac Rehabilitation Participation                              |
| Tasha Bohr         | Biology                                       | Cloning of the myoglobin gene from Cetacea                                    |
| Allison Bolduc     | Environmental Science and Resource Management | The Channel Islands Marine Ecosystem and Sea Urchin Populations               |
| Amanda Bolduc      | Environmental Science and Resource Management | Algae Biofuel – the next alternative fuel<br>Ventura County public perception |
| Jennifer Bonsangue | Mathematics                                   | Mathematics and Forgery Analysis: The Dutch Golden Age                        |
| Rebecca Boring     | Environmental Science and Resource Management | A conflict resolution for the Freeman Water Diversion Dispute                 |

| <u>Presenter</u> | <u>Academic Program</u> | <u>Project Title</u>   |
|------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Ryan Cantos      | Nursing                 | Efficacy of Medical Management Compared to Palliative Care Management in the Treatment of Pancreatic Cancer Patients |
| Shaye Cogan      | Nursing                 | Controversy over Immunizations   |
| Jadona Collier   | Nursing                 | Efficacy of Saline Nasal Irrigation as an Adjunct Therapy For Chronic Rhinitis                                       |
| Monique Cortez   | Nursing                 | Comparison of Enbrel and Methotrexate in the Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis                                       |
| Laura Crisostomo | Nursing                 | Is there a Link between Vaccines and Autism?   |
| Anna Cruz        | Nursing                 | Minority Women at Risk for Coronary Artery Disease   |
| Cynthia Ekanem   | Nursing                 | Project How does society play a role in mothers choosing to breastfeed or not?                                       |
| Fahimeh Fakour   | Computer Science        | Bridging Languages: Research on Statistical Machine Translation  |
| Rebecca Felter   | Biology and ESRM        | Pollution prevention at the Port of Los Angeles: The relationship between particulate pollution and cargo movements  |
| Charles Fox      | Nursing                 | Does the Use of Exercise Reduce the Future Risk of Exacerbation for Children Diagnosed with Asthma?                  |
| Sharon Gaetos    | Nursing                 | Cardiovascular Effects & Differences in Hormonal Concentration in Oral versus Transdermal Contraception              |

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| Rea Galera       | Nursing                                       | Why Circumcision?   |
| Morganne Gallup  | Nursing                                       | Caffeine Therapy Use in Apnea of Prematurity  |
| Jose A. Godinez  | Nursing                                       | Understanding developmental dyslexia and its comorbidities                            |
| Aileen Gonzalez  | Nursing                                       | Usage of Angiogram and Stenting in the newly diagnosed Myocardial Infarction patient. |
| Corinne Grandpre | Nursing                                       | Coronary Artery Disease in Families with or without a Family History                  |
| Getachew Haile   | Nursing                                       | Barrett's Esophagus and its relationship to Gastro-Esophageal Reflux Disease          |
| Dr. Phil Hampton | Chemistry                                     | NSF Grant   |
| Ryo Hanada       | Nursing                                       | Benefits of Smoking Cessation in the Life of a Smoker                                 |
| Jamaika Harlan   | Nursing                                       | Kawasaki Syndrome and its prevalence in the Asian Pediatric Population                |
| Taryn Hearst     | Nursing                                       | The Use of Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Diagnosing Breast Cancer                     |
| Scott Hedlund    | Environmental Science and Resource Management | An Assessment of Passive Restoration in the Ventura River Preserve Citrus Grove       |
| Stacey Herold    | Nursing                                       | Hormone Replacement Therapy and Breast Cancer in Post-menopausal Women.               |
| Sam Hewatt       | Applied Physics                               | Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Students                             |



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| Kathleen Hogg    | Nursing                                       | Does In-vitro Fertilization pose a risk for increasing developmental delays in infants born as multiple births? |
| Douglas Holmes   | Computer Science                              | Graduation Requirements Checker using OWL   |
| Mary Holmes      | Environmental Science and Resource Management | Firescaping: Determining resistant vegetation for effective application in fire hazard management               |
| Erica Johnston   | Nursing                                       | In Young Adults, what is the Effect of Artificial Sunlight on Skin Compared with Natural Sunlight?              |
| Robert Kiffe     | Computer Science                              | AIDeR Web Interface   |
| Crystal Kiwitt   | Nursing                                       | The Use of Acetaminophen and the Occurrence of Asthma   |
| Meghan LaChance  | Nursing                                       | Usage of Guided Imagery and its Affects on Patients with Cancer   |
| Veronica Lazaro  | Nursing                                       | Breastfeeding's Protective Effect Against Childhood Obesity   |
| David Linzey     | Nursing                                       | Are Diet and Exercise enough to Treat Gestational Diabetes?   |
| Kari Lyman       | Nursing                                       | Diagnosis of Acute Myocardial Infarction in Women   |
| Kelly Lynch      | Nursing                                       | Invasive and Noninvasive Methods of Managing Diverticulitis in the Adult Population                             |
| Tim Madison      | Environmental Science and Resource Management | Does a Correlation Exist Between Knowledge and Support of Wind Power in Ventura County?                         |
| Fides Magtoto    | Nursing                                       | Sildenafil Citrate usage in pulmonary arterial hypertension   |

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| Heather Martin           | Environmental Science and Resource Management | Zealand Mud Snail Research in the Santa Clara Watershed   |
| Fumiko Matsumoto         | Nursing                                       | Effectiveness of treatments and prevention in lead poisoning in children  |
| Rene McMurray            | Nursing                                       | The Oral Contraceptives and Breast Cancer Controversy   |
| Colleen Mehlberg         | Environmental Science and Resource Management | How Bacterial Water Quality Varies in Relation to Storm Drains in the Ventura Harbor  |
| Meyann Mendoza           | Nursing                                       | Vitamin D Supplementation and Breast Cancer Prevention  |
| Matthew Tyler Misenhimer | Computer Science & Mathematics                | An Algorithm to solve for the Exact Solution to the Symmetric, Fully Connected Traveling Salesman Problem                               |
| Stefanie Misiura         | Nursing                                       | A Comparison of Intravenous Immunoglobulin Therapy with Stem Cell Transplantation on the Treatment of Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases |
| Kristine Mondares        | Nursing                                       | Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Prevention and the use of Pacifiers  |
| Ariana Mora              | Nursing                                       | Preventing Foot Complications in Diabetes   |
| Dr. Dennis Muraoka       | Business and Economics                        | Zoos in the News  |
| Michael Nava             | Mathematics                                   | Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Students   |
| Lauren Nevins            | Nursing                                       | Interventions and Preventions of Childhood Obesity  |
| Aaron Newton             | Environmental Science and Resource Management | Cataloging of Invasive Tamarisk   |

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| Morgan Noe          | Nursing                                       | Comparing Partial and Full Liver Transplants   |
| Adriana Olivas      | Nursing                                       | Are Lifestyle Modifications or Antihypertensives More Effective in Treating Hypertension   |
| Erin Olson          | Nursing                                       | Preventing Colon Cancer in Adults Ages 50 and older  |
| Jennifer Ormond     | Environmental Science and Resource Management | Using benthic macroinvertebrates to evaluate agricultural land-use impacts on water quality: A Santa Clara River Watershed Study |
| Alex Pacheco        | Chemistry                                     | Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Students  |
| Stefanie Palchanis  | Nursing                                       | Genetic predisposition in patients with malignant melanoma   |
| Nicky Pang          | Nursing                                       | Prevention of Nursing Burnout in High Stress Areas within Hospitals  |
| Claudia Petrilli    | Nursing                                       | How fluid deprivation affects the terminally ill   |
| Ellaine Quintos     | Nursing                                       | During Space Exploration, is there an Effect on Astronaut's Musculoskeletal System?  |
| Amanda Rein         | Nursing                                       | Colon Cancer in People With or Without a Family History  |
| Brianne Rice        | Nursing                                       | Dietary Supplements: Beneficial or Harmful?  |
| Cole Rieger         | Computer Science & Mathematics                | REX and Inverse Kinematics   |
| Elizabeth Rodriguez | Nursing                                       | Inflammatory Breast Cancer is a Silent Killer  |
| Jenael Rose         | Nursing                                       | A Window of Opportunity: Tissue Plasminogen Activator  |

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| Roxanne Sanchez  | Chemistry                                     | Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Students   |
| Nick Seldon      | Environmental Science and Resource Management | Public Valuation of Marine Ecosystem Health   |
| Allison Shaffer  | Nursing                                       | Risks and complications of using epidural anesthesia during labor   |
| Kristi Sorensen  | Nursing                                       | In geriatrics, what is the effect of medications on COPD compared to nonpharmacological interventions?                |
| Tyler Stover     | Nursing                                       | Comparison for efficacy of Percutaneous Coronary Interventions versus Thrombolytic Therapy in a Myocardial Infarction |
| Christine Tamez  | Nursing                                       | Seizure Alert Dogs and their Effects on Epilepsy Patients   |
| Ashley Tillquist | Nursing                                       | Environmental Effects on the Development of Childhood Asthma  |
| Ana Trejo        | Nursing                                       | Evaluation of the use of Deep Brain Stimulation in treating Parkinson's Disease                                       |
| Jessie Turley    | Nursing                                       | Effective Teaching Techniques for Young Adults with Autism  |
| Ashley Tyler     | Nursing                                       | Management and Treatment of Pediatric Asthma  |
| David Vielmetter | Computer Science                              | Custom E-commerce System Software   |

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| Christina Viramontes | Nursing                 | How to Cope with menopause symptoms without the use of hormones |
| Nick Winters         | Computer Science        | On porting physics engines to C# and XNA                        |
| Diane Wolschon       | Nursing                 | Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate treatment in patients with Narcolepsy    |
| Andrew J. Wright     | Computer Science        | Data Refresh: – A solution for data replication.                |
| Richard Yale         | Computer Science        | Computer Asset Tracking Program                                 |

## Group Poster Presentations

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| Rich Block, Dr. Alex McNeill and Dr. Dennis Muraoka   | Santa Barbara Zoological Garden, Liberal Studies, Business and Economics | Why Do Zoos Exist—An Investigation into the Surprising Mission of Accredited U.S. Zoos and Aquariums                  |
| Ashley R. Bonneau and Dr. Nitika S. Parmar  | Biology  | Silencing of the Rheb Gene in Mammalian Cells Using RNA Interference  |
| T. T. Brown, M.S. Grabiak, M. R. Karta, S. M. Pehrson and Dr. Nitika Parmar   | Biology  | Chemical Screening of Natural Plant Extracts for Inhibition of Cellular Growth  |
| Rebecca Cano, Brock Warmuth and Heather Martin  | Environmental Science and Resource Management                            | Critical habitat for Hawaii's humpback whales   |
| Lynette Davidson, Kelly Watson, Jacob Jones, Shannon O'Reilly, Daisy Cortes, and Dr. Kimmy Kee-Rose                 | Psychology   | Deception, Social Desirability, and Emotion Regulation in Students with Higher versus Lower Skin Conductance Response |
| Alexandra Dec, Megan Doyle, Pavlina Mitchell, Julie Bagley, Sara Nygard, Cristina Brooks, and Dr. Kimmy Kee-Rose    | Psychology   | Is Psychosocial Adjustment a Predictor of Community-Based Services Program Success?                                   |
| Dr. Colleen Delaney-Rivera, Riley Cleveland, Tobias Grether, Garrett Kuiken, Meghan Koch, and Danielle Tusi         | Anthropology   | Prehistoric Occupation of Santa Cruz Island   |
| Dr. Colleen Delaney-Rivera, Riley Cleveland, Tobias Grether, Garrett Kuiken, Meghan Koch, and Danielle Tusi         | Anthropology   | History of Human Occupation at Rancho Guadaluca   |
| Kartheek Dokka, Ankur Gholkar, Parissa Keshavarzian, Jessica Layman, Liz Thomas, Yue Jia Wu, and Dr. Ching-Hua Wang | Biology  | Effects of Small Molecule Antioxidants and Drugs on Human Neural Stem Cell Proliferation and Differentiation          |
| Vanessa Espinoza, Brian Gilreath, Danika Lindsay, Travis Moller, Jordan Swift and Dr. Greg Wood                     | Applied Physics  | Statistical Mechanical Model of Water   |

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| Christina Fahim, Lisa Winfrey, Amanda Goldstein, Dr. Donald Rodriguez and Dr. Angela Chapman               | Biology and Environmental Science and Resource Management | A Comparison of Current and Historical Shorebird Populations in Ventura County  |
| Dr. Scott Frisch and Dr. Sean Kelly  | Political Science   | Cheese Factories on the Moon: Why Earmarks are Good for American Democracy  |
| Elizabeth Geringer and Dr. Beatrice DeOca  | Psychology  | HELP ME! Can't You See I'm Crying?  |
| Elizabeth Glinka, Jessica Layman and Jessyka Dalton  | Biology   | Regulation of gene expression during early development in Drosophila  |
| Dr. Ivona Grzegorzczuk, Jen Morrison, Shahab Laskari and Cole Rieger                                       | Mathematics   | Logic Games and Teaching Tools  |
| Justin Hilf, Andrew Yaeger, Gil Rishton and Dr. Phil Hampton   | Chemistry   | The Design and Synthesis of Curcumin Analogues to Inhibit Beta-Secretase.   |
| Andrea Lloyd, Tamara Payés and Dr. Nitika Parmar   | Biology   | Over-expression and Purification of Mammalian TCTP  |
| Colleen Mehlberg, Andrew Domingos and Jenny Blair  | Environmental Science and Resource Management             | Do abiotic factors influence habitat choice in Hawaii's humpback whales ?   |
| Andrew Mostowa, Margaret Freaney and Dr. Jesse Elliott   | Mathematics   | Presentations of integer-valued polynomial rings  |
| S.M. Pehrson, D. Cantero and Dr. Nitika Parmar   | Biology   | creening for Modulators of Adipogenesis   |
| Jean Remonida, Alison Wall, Talia Dominello and Eliza GarciaIassalle                                       | Biology   | The development of diving capacity in young cetaceans: Tissue typing and buffering capacity in the muscle tissue of young cetaceans |
| Andrew Ritchie and Dr. Blake Gillespie   | Chemistry   | Ligand-Dependent Conformational Dynamics of CusF, a Copper-Binding Protein, Measured by Hydrogen-Exchange NMR.                      |
| Bianca Villalobos, Ashley Callan, Katherine Campanelli, Meghan Miles, Tina Brenner, and Dr. Kimmy Kee-Rose | Psychology  | Theory-of-Mind and Social Functioning in Natural Sciences versus Social Sciences Undergraduate Students                             |



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| Alison Wall, Lydia Nguyen and Talia Dominello | Environmental Science and Resource Management | Easy access educational tools for Hawaii's whale-watching industry   |
| James P. Wilber and Dr. Simone Aloisio        | Chemistry                                     | Portable Ground Based Ozone Measurements in Ventura County, CA by UV Absorption  |
| Andrew Wilson and Bonnie Rogers               | Biology                                       | The development of diving capacity in young cetaceans: Estimating the increase of myoglobin levels as young calves mature. |



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