

Introductions

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- Secretary - Laura Young, lgyoung@ucdavis.edu
- Faculty representative - Kevin Rice

Introduction to Society for Conservation Biology

Guest Speaker: Mark Schwartz, SCB board member & University representative

- Important people:
 - SCB President Georgia Mace
 - President-Elect Luigi Boitani
 - Policy Lobby person, John Fitzgerald
 - Executive Director Alan Thornhill
- Winter conservation seminar series, Prez-elect attending, can we organize a possible meeting/interaction?
- There are several issues currently under discussion at local, national and international levels
 - For example, what should be governance of local chapters? Should membership at the international level be required?
 - SCB ruling: local chapters should have some accountability since they are representing the global group
 - But there is a financial burden issue – the solution was approx. 2000 free memberships to developing countries, and cheap membership (\$10) for students
 - Since the journal is available free electronically for many, why be a member in the digital age? Mark offered several compelling reasons to join the international group
 - you should see the society as professional network; always looking for people to help/get involved
 - without the society, there would be no journal/meetings

How to become a member of the UC Davis SCB Chapter

- Join the parent organization for a membership fee of \$10 to become chapt member, form is available online at the SCB website, <http://www.conbio.org>

UC Davis SCB - Who are we and what do we do?

- The Society for Conservation Biology Chapter at UC Davis (Davis SCB) is a student-run organization dedicated to the promotion of conservation-related research, education, and practice. Our active membership of approximately 30 graduate and undergraduate students and other local professionals represents a wide-range of biological expertise and contains current and future leaders in conservation biology
- Meetings usu. once/month but this year, 2/month – one lecture/guest speaker, one BACBS planning meeting
- Our website – <http://scb.ucdavis.edu>

- Would you like to help keep our site up-to-date with links and other information? Contact April Burton (scbwebgeek@gmail.com) if you can help, esp. if you have HTML knowledge!

There are many ways to get involved in the Davis SCB!!

- Oak planting – organized by Jim Thorne,
 - This ongoing effort includes collecting acorns, sprouting, donating to oak restoration projects,
 - There are lots of opportunities for involvement (potting parties, planting parties)
 - This Fall quarter, we will be focusing our attention on this project
- WIDSI and SCB educational outreach
 - Contacts: Laura Young (lgyoung@ucdavis.edu) and Annie Leonard (asleonard@ucdavis.edu)
 - WIDSI, “Watch It Don’t Squash It”, is a science education enrichment program that targets local schools, providing guided activities focusing on animal behavior, ecology and conservation
 - Last year, WIDSI and the Davis SCB partnered to visit the Caesar Chavez Elementary School, where they conducted a number of activities including an exchange with an elementary school in Bolivia, where the Davis Sister Chapter is located
 - Ideas for future activities: exchange project w/ Bolivia, oak planting with kids?
- SCB Sister Chapter, Bolivia – Laura is the Davis Sister Chapter representative, please contact her (lgyoung@ucdavis.edu) if you are interested in working with our sister chapter.
- Grad student community service group, incoming grads signed up for community service projects during WOW week, overwhelming interest in environmentally-themed projects and possible area of collaboration with our chapter
- S.E.E.D. – undergrad group, another candidate for collaboration?
- S.L.E.W.S. – more information available at <http://www.landbasedlearning.org/>
- Undergraduate and Graduate Seminars – Noa Pinter-Wollman, nmpinter@ucdavis.edu
 - Because this year is the BACBS, the graduate seminar series will be held in future years, stay in touch for more information!
 - In the Winter quarter, SCB helps coordinate an undergrad seminar, along with the peer advisors from EVE
 - grad students speak about work to undergrads, 45-50 min talk,
 - If you are interested in presenting during the seminar volunteer to help organize/take over, contact Noa.
- Position papers – Christina, Clare
 - This year, Davis SCB will be working on a position statement regarding riparian systems; there is the possibility of 290 credit for anyone interested in researching the topic
 - See comments on recent forest service position paper, old position statements available online at the chapter website

Quarter Themes – any speaker recommendations?

- Fall – Oak restoration

- Winter - Vernal pools
- Spring - Riparian systems

BACBS, the Bay Area Conservation Biology Symposium

- WHEN: Sat. Feb 2nd 2008, 8-5pm
- WHAT: Presentations on all conservation issues, not just local ones
 - Most presentations (15min) are students, very student friendly
- 1st planning meeting will be Monday, Oct 8th – plan to attend if you're interested in helping to organize this wonderful event
- There are several committees for those interested in getting involved
 - Audio/Visual – responsible for projectors, computers
 - Snacks/Drinks
 - Fundraising - ***will be provided with a list of past donations
 - Plenary speaker – run by Jonah
 - speakers: Holly Doremus, Rob Robichaux
 - PR/Web/Email – Clare & April
 - Program – Molly Stevens
 - Registration
 - Room & Space - Kevin & Pete, Young Hall, more space?
 - Talks & Scheduling - Noa
 - Accomodations & Directions

Biodiversity Blues Benefit Concert

- In early Spring of this year, the Davis SCB successfully hosted the first annual BBBC and raised approximately \$1300 for Amazon Conservation Association in Bolivia,
- We want to do it again this year! More information to follow in future meetings