

ECO NEWS

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SPRING PARTY !

The annual Spring GGE Party will be held at 5pm on May 30th at Central Park in Beautiful Downtown Davis (5th and B St.). As is the usual plan EGSA and the GGE will provide sandwiches and drinks. Attendees are asked to bring a **desert** if their last name starts with the letters A-L and **salad** if it starts with M-Z. Faculty are being asked to purchase beer for the occasion, we'll see if they come through. This annual event includes volleyball, presentation of the Professor of the Year award and a good time.

EGSA MEETING

The May EGSA meeting will be held on the 15th at 5:30 pm in 2120J Wickson Hall. The main agenda items will be Ted Foin discussing the New GGE Chair, Voting for Professor of the Year, & Election of New EGSA Officers.

Prof o' the Year

Another chance to cast your vote. Your only other opportunity will be to attend the May EGSA meeting and nominate in person. To submit a nomination, clip and send the attached form to Steve Detwiler c/o WFCB or send email to sjdetwiler@ucdavis.edu. Please include a brief rationale for your nomination (i.e. advising, committee membership, teaching, etc.). Final voting on nominees will take place at the May EGSA meeting. All nominations count as votes and all EGSA members in attendance at the May meeting can cast a vote. Also faculty and staff not affiliated with the GGE, but helpful to its students, are eligible for a 'Friend of the EGSA' award. Voice an opinion, nominate a prof.

IEAOE Meeting

The Spring Quarter Integrative Ecology AOE meeting is scheduled for May 22nd in the 2120 complex of Wickson Hall at 5pm.

PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

Name of Nominee: _____

Reason of Nomination: _____

Your Name: _____

Attach additional sheets if necessary to support your nomination.



Salutations from Silvia

Progress Reports: For those of you who have not turned in your progress reports, please do so before the end of the quarter!

Employment Limits: You should be aware that there are limits to the number of quarters that you are eligible to be employed as an RA or TA while a graduate student at UCD. The limit is 9 academic quarters prior to Advancement to Candidacy (Ph.D. student must be advanced in the 10th quarter) and after advancement an additional 6 quarters (TOTAL allowed 15). Summer or PELP quarters are not counted, as well as any employment that is paid outside of the University. The 15 quarter limit is tied to Normative Time which is five years. In other words the University would like you to graduate by your 15th quarter! [Policy is listed on page 14 of your Graduate Student Handbook (GSH).]

In addition, there is now a system in place to request an exception to these limits. In previous years these limits and exceptions have not been very firm, however, there has been a change in Graduate Studies personnel and we will soon be getting a new Dean as well. I have been 'warned' by Exec. Assoc. Dean Gibeling that he plans to enforce these policies. What this means for those of you who have been at UC Davis for a while is that you may have to seek outside employment when you have reached the quarter limit.

PAPERWORK, PAPERWORK: A reminder that all Graduate Studies petitions or forms are to be processed through me. For example: PELP, Filing Fee, Advancement to Candidacy (M.S. and Ph.D.), S/U, Drops, Qualifying Examination Nominations, and all other official forms that asks for a Graduate Adviser signature. Your official Graduate Adviser is Ted Foin/Kate Scow.

AOE Advisers are authorized to approve Guidance Committee forms only. In addition, they are not authorized to waive or offer substitutes for entrance requirements. Entrance Requirements are set by the GGE and are approved by Graduate Council.

S/SU Policy: For those of you who need a clarification on this grading option please refer to page 30 of the GSH. S/SU is only appropriate for classes taken for exploratory purposes, i.e. an art class, dance, etc. Any course prerequisites, AOE requirements, or other courses in Ecology have to be taken for a grade.

My Work Schedule: I have now returned to my normal schedule, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Open Office Hours continue to be Monday through Thursday 9-11:00 AM. I am considering working shorter summer hours - any comments on this? They would be: 8:00 - 2:00 daily; or 8:00-3:00 Monday through Thursday (with half hour lunch) and Friday 8-12 Noon. Open Office Hours would remain the same.

Have a great Spring! Hope to see you at the Spring Picnic - Silvia

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