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Three UCSB Scholars Study Abroad with Fulbright Grants

Two UC Santa Barbara faculty members and one administrator are among the approximately 800 American academics and professionals chosen to receive Fulbright Scholar Awards to conduct research at foreign universities during the 2003-2004 academic year. UCSB also has been selected to host three foreign scholars.

The Council for International Exchange of Scholars, which manages the Fulbright Scholar exchanges, only recently announced the selections.

David L. Crawford, a lecturer in the Department of Anthropology, traveled last month to Al-Akawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco, where he will spend the next 10 months studying the social organization of migration in the Moroccan highlands.

John W. DuBois, an associate professor of linguistics, has been at Tel Aviv University in Tel Aviv, Israel since October studying in his specialty. He will remain in Israel until August.

Mary McMahon, assistant dean of the Graduate Division, spent three weeks in March 2003 attending an international education administrators program in Germany.

"It was fantastic," McMahon said. "We met with university representatives, politicians, and business people. We looked at economics, culture and social movements.

It was just an absolutely wonderful experience."

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and is considered America's most prestigious international educational exchange program.

During the program's 56 years, thousands of U.S. academics and professionals have studied, taught, or conducted research abroad, and thousands of their counterparts from other countries have engaged in similar activities in the United States.

Coming to UCSB this year are Manuel Mendoza Garcia of Spain, Philip Laing Munday of Australia, and Igor Zektser of Russia.

Mendoza, a postdoctoral researcher from the Department of Biology at Spain's University of Malaga, will study biotic processes involved in the Miocene Biome Transition and will work with John Damuth, an assistant research biologist in UCSB's Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology. Mendoza came to UCSB in October and will remain here through September 2005.

Munday, a postdoctoral fellow at the School of Marine Biology and Aquaculture at Australia's James Cook University, will study the role of genes and the environment in sex determination.

He will work with Robert Warner, a professor of ecology, evolution, and marine biology at UCSB, through October 2004.

Zektser, who runs the hydrology lab at the Russian Academy of Sciences' Water Problems Institute in Moscow, will study the ecologically safe use and protection of ground water with UCSB's Lorne Everett, director of the Vadose Zone Monitoring Laboratory.

He will work with Everett through July of 2004.

About UC Santa Barbara

The University of California, Santa Barbara is a leading research institution that also provides a comprehensive liberal arts learning experience. Our academic community of faculty, students, and staff is characterized by a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration that is responsive to the needs of our multicultural and global society.

All of this takes place within a living and learning environment like no other, as we draw inspiration from the beauty and resources of our extraordinary location at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.