Recent publications in the school


Nyil Khwaja was a student Jim Briskie helped supervise (he did his PhD at Sheffield but field work in Kaikoura). He will also be moving to NZ to start a postdoc with Jim later this year.


Check out the article below 'Below explaining the world around us'.


This is Annu and Anish's first published paper. They both did their degree's under Professor Paula Jameson. Congratulations to you both!


Congratulations to Kate, on her first solo publication. Kate conferred her MSc in Biological Sciences with First Class Honours in 2015. Her senior supervisor was Associate Professor Daniel Stouffer.


In the spotlight

Effects of the Kaikoura quakes on coastal marine systems

UC Connect public lecture on the effects of the Kaikoura quakes on coastal marine systems:

Coastal marine systems are increasingly assaulted by multiple stressors, both natural and human-induced. Recent earthquakes have made major changes to marine ecosystems, as has been seen on the Kaikoura coastline of the South
Island. How do marine systems respond and recover from cataclysmic upheaval and other impacts? How resilient are New Zealand marine ecosystems?

In the first free UC Connect public lecture of 2017, University of Canterbury Distinguished Professor David Schiel will share his perspectives on the research, science and problems surrounding management of the coastal zone, from kelp forests and microscopic scales, to ecological function and diversity.

Better explaining the world around us
A new University of Queensland-led study could help scientists more accurately predict and explain patterns of diversity in nature.

Ecology Centre Director in the UQ School of Biological Sciences Associate Professor Margie Mayfield said the project had developed a mathematically simple framework for accurately assessing the outcomes of species' interactions. Read the full article at EurekAlert!

This research and publication (see above) is co-authored by Associate Professor Daniel Stouffer.

UC researchers look into what makes plant communities tick
What makes diverse plant communities like New Zealand's iconic grasslands tick? What allows so many competing species to co-exist? A team of University of Canterbury (UC) scientists and overseas collaborators are working to find out.

To do so, UC Associate Professor Daniel Stouffer says they need to go back to basics. Check out the article at UC Communications. Also contains an informative insight of Daniel's work on video.

How Snakes, Spiders, and Other Predators Fool Their Prey
These days, misinformation is a term that's wildly thrown around. But in the actual wild, misleading communication techniques are means to meals for many species.

“It’s a form of deception that we call aggressive mimicry,” says Fiona Cross, a zoologist at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand. Read the full interesting article at National Geographic.

What book is that?
"I've built something back here," he said. "Would you like to see"" "I'm sort of cold, Mr. Harvey," I said, "and my mom likes me home before dark."

397: “I wondered how it could be that two people who had loved could yet have such a misconception of each other and, with a common grief, grow far apart. There must be something in the nature of love between a man and a woman that drove them to torment and suspicion.”

Answer: My Cousin Rachel, by Daphne du Maurier, written 1951

and now for something completely different...

Sadly remembering Bill Paxton
Next time you watch Terminator, watch out for his Punk leader moment
Private Hudon in Aliens
Bill Paxton's Best Onscreen Moments

Simon's Cat: A Day In The Life Of A Cat Owner
(this one is 17 mins long, but well worth it)
Recipes of the week

Lots of courgettes in the garden?
Top 10 things to do with courgettes

Lots of tomatoes in the garden?
Recipes using tomatoes

Thought of the week

Don't wait. The time will never be just right.
~ Napoleon Hill