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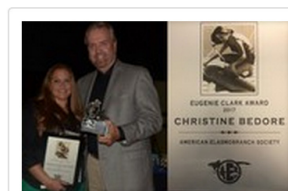
The COSM Aggregate

July 28, 2017



Biology Students and Faculty receive awards at American Elasmobranch Society Meeting

Graduate students in Dr. Christine Bedore's Sensory Ecology Lab recently attended the American Elasmobranch Society meeting in Austin, TX. **Theresa Gunn** and **Matt Scanlon** gave talks on stingray color change and shark interactions with the shrimp fleet. Brianna Hall gave a poster about cownose ray brain warming while **Ricky Orton** gave a talk for the American Society for Ichthyologists and Herpetologists section of the Joint meeting. **Theresa Gunn** won a \$1,000 award for a research proposal on stingray color change and Matt Scanlon organized the AES's annual auction, which helped raised several thousand dollars for student travel to future meetings. **Dr. Bedore** was nominated for and won a very special award - the Eugenie Clark Award, which is given to a woman early career scientist in the field of elasmobranch biology and is awarded in memory of Dr. Genie Clark, founder of Mote Marine Lab and pioneer in elasmobranch biology. Learn more about the [Eugenie Clark Award](#).

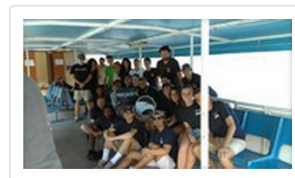


Matt Scanlon presenting art for auction.

Toby Daly-Engel (left) is the chair of the AES Grant Committee and presented Theresa Gunn (right) with her award.

Christine Bedore, Ph.D. and Bob Hueter, Ph.D. from the Mote Marine Laboratory.

Georgia Southern Students Study Physics Abroad in Romania



Over the summer, **Dragos Amarie, Ph.D.** from the Department of Physics partnered with the Office of International Programs and Services to teach Physics to a group of Georgia Southern students in Romania. Romania's strong folkloric traditions and attachment to the natural environment makes studying the natural sciences a uniquely rewarding experience. The program enabled students to explore the field of physics in an experiential setting, and trips throughout the host city and country allowed students to study physics in a laboratory setting, as well as its use in daily life. [More information on Summer and Break Programs](#)



Explore the Wonder of Eclipses

Before the solar eclipse on August 21st, join us at the Georgia Southern Planetarium for: **Totality, August 18, 2017.** This show is suitable for viewers of all ages.

Showtimes are 6, 7, 8, and 9 p.m. Visit the Georgia Southern Planetarium [website](#) for ticket information. Admission is free! This program is all about eclipses – from lunar to total solar. We cover how they occur and what happens when they do. We look back to the proof of general relativity and look forward to upcoming eclipses and where to witness them. Our production includes a variety of wonderful styles – from spectacular space environments to humorous pop-up books. A very special part of the show relates, in a very human way, what happens when you are caught in the shadow of the Moon and the Sun is plunged into a total solar eclipse. Running Time: 25 minutes



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