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## An informal networking program with Fulbright scholars/scientists and Fulbrighters interested in science & technology

**Location:** California State University – Northridge (San Fernando Valley)  
Oviatt Library, 18111 Nordhoff St, LA - Northridge

**Date:** Saturday, July 26, 2:30 – 9:00 pm (if you stay for dinner)  
([Parking Information](#) & [Campus Map](#))

You can attend just parts of the program.

2:30 meet in the Lobby at the Oviatt Library

2:45 visit the labs of Dr. Robert Espinoza, Associate  
professor of biology & specialist on lizards – Live Oak Hall

3:20 possible visit to another research lab

4:00 meet again at the Oviatt Library

5:00 drinks & possible dinner nearby

Spouses & partners are welcome.

### For questions or to confirm your attendance:

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### A little about some confirmed participants:

**Robert Espinoza** has been at going to Argentina for 13 years to conduct research on lizards. "Before I could even walk, my family would spot me parting the grass, looking for bugs. As soon as I discovered frogs, lizards and snakes, I begged my parents to take me anywhere, anytime, to go collect them."

Espinoza's family tolerated escaped critters underfoot and mice and rats in the freezer, and their tolerance began to pay off early, when Espinoza's expertise in breeding lizards and snakes funded his undergraduate education at San Diego State, which led to a doctorate from the University of Nevada, Reno, and to his quests in Argentina (including one funded by the Fulbright program). A lizard in Argentina is named after him – *Liolaemus espinozai*.

[http://www.csun.edu/pubrels/press\\_releases/spring07/espinoza.html](http://www.csun.edu/pubrels/press_releases/spring07/espinoza.html)

**Rosario Briones** is the curator of Ecuador's largest collection of mushrooms, which is housed at the Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador (PUCE) in Quito. She received her master's degree while on a Fulbright scholarship to Duke University. She is currently Regional Representative for Ecuador to the Latin American Association of Mycology and working for its upcoming Congress in Mar del Plata, Argentina in November. Among other topics, she is available to talk with you about the [Yasuni Biological Research Station](#), which is located in Ecuador's Amazon region and hosts about 500 visiting researchers each year.

**Conrad Ulpindo** has been an administrator, coordinator and teacher trainer in the Los Angeles area for the past twenty years. He currently is with the LA Unified School District, which covers 1,190 schools and teaches about 694,228

students. Among other projects, he has been conducting an investigation on the reasons why parents chose to send their children to public alternative charter schools in the California. This descriptive research will serve as a platform for California's public schools to create a model of improvement and innovation. He also teaches at state universities and conduct presentations on international studies and on various topics related to education here and abroad. He is also past president of the California Association of School Health Educators, He has experience in Korea and the Philippines, and in 2003, he spent his summer in Japan as a Fulbright scholar in Asahikawa, Japan.

**California State University, Northridge:** CSUN has 33,000 full- and part-time students and offers 63 bachelor's and 48 master's degrees as well as 28 education credential programs. Founded in 1958, CSUN is among the largest single-campus universities in the nation and the only four-year public university in the San Fernando Valley. The university serves as the intellectual, economic and cultural heart of the San Fernando Valley and beyond.

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This informal program at CSU-N will be its first program in the LA area. During the past four years, small, informal programs have been held at numerous locations in the US and abroad. FAST conferences and workshops were held in Germany, Panama, Morocco, Qatar and Boston, Mass. A conference on the Future of Cities will be held in Singapore on October 21-22, 2008. A short informational video and details about FAST programs can be found at [www.FulbrightAcademy.org](http://www.FulbrightAcademy.org).

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