

Biology



Delve deeper into the natural world as you explore living systems, both human and non-human, in the lab and the field.

Work closely with Christian professors who introduce you to creative and rigorous scientific investigation in a classroom that includes the mountains, the coast and the Channel Islands. Through coursework and independent research, you learn laboratory techniques and field methods. You may even conduct advanced research with faculty and fellow students. Professors integrate biology and faith and discuss issues related to science, ethics and culture. Rigorous study combined with personal attention prepares you for rewarding and challenging work in the lab and the environmental, biotech and health fields.

SELECTED COURSES

- Physiology
- Marine Biology
- Behavioral Ecology
- Biology and Faith
- Molecular Biology
- Genomics and Bioinformatics

CAREER PATHS

- Teaching (elementary, secondary and college)
- Health sciences (M.D., P.A., nurse practitioner, D.O., dentist, chiropractor)
- Public health (epidemiology, policy, education, research)
- Forensics
- National Park Service (park ranger, fish and wildlife biologist)
- Ecology and conservation biology
- Biotechnology

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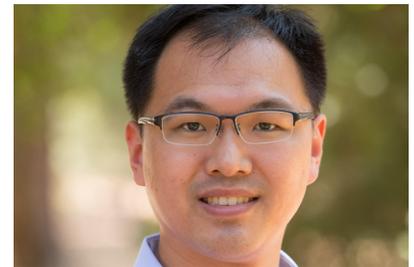
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AMANDA SPARKMAN, PH.D.

She studies how snakes and lizards alter their behaviour, physiology, and life history to specific ecological challenges.



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OPPORTUNITIES OFF CAMPUS



- Westmont's Global Health Uganda
- Organization for Tropical Studies: Tropical Diseases, Environmental Change and Human Health, Costa Rica
- Creation Care Studies Program, Belize, Michigan, New Zealand or Washington
- Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies

ALUMNI

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