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CUC BREAKFAST MEETING!**

Wednesday, February 22, 2012
7:15am - 8:30am (Program @ 7:30am)
University Extension - Rooms D/E
1200 University Avenue, Riverside, CA

“Prying into the Long Distance Romances of Plants”



Presentation by:
Dr. Norman Ellstrand
UCR Professor of Genetics,
Department of Botany and Plant Sciences

The exchange of genes between plant populations by seed, pollen, or plants can have important evolutionary and applied consequences. But plant geneticists had dismissed such gene migration as too insignificant to have any impact. Until Dr. Norman Ellstrand came along. Ellstrand will discuss how his research at UCR radically challenged that view and how it led him to apply what he found to answer questions about the risks of genetically engineered plants. He will also delve into how his work on “plant romance”

has revealed new insights into the origins of invasive species.

Dr. Norman Ellstrand is Professor of Genetics in the Department of Botany & Plant Sciences at UCR. He earned a B.S. in biology from the University of Illinois. His research interest in plant evolutionary genetics started at the University of Texas at Austin, where he received his Ph.D. His research now focuses on applied plant population genetics, specifically on the evolution of invasiveness in plants as well as the role of gene flow in the escape of engineered genes. He secretly wants to write a novel, but has fun doing science. On ISI's Highly Cited list, Ellstrand's publications number almost 200, including the book, *Dangerous Liaisons? When Cultivated Plants Mate with Their Wild Relatives*.

In recent years, his primary undergraduate teaching effort has been to non-majors because he believes that non-scientists should learn that science is important, interesting, and intuitive (and fun!). In his spare time, Norm helps to create new units on his campus, including UCR's Center for Conservation Biology. Norm's honors include UCR's Dissertation Mentor of the Year Award, the Botanical Society of America's 2008 Merit Award, a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as well as both the prestigious Fulbright and Guggenheim Fellowships.

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