



MEET THE MVZ

A newsletter highlighting members of our community

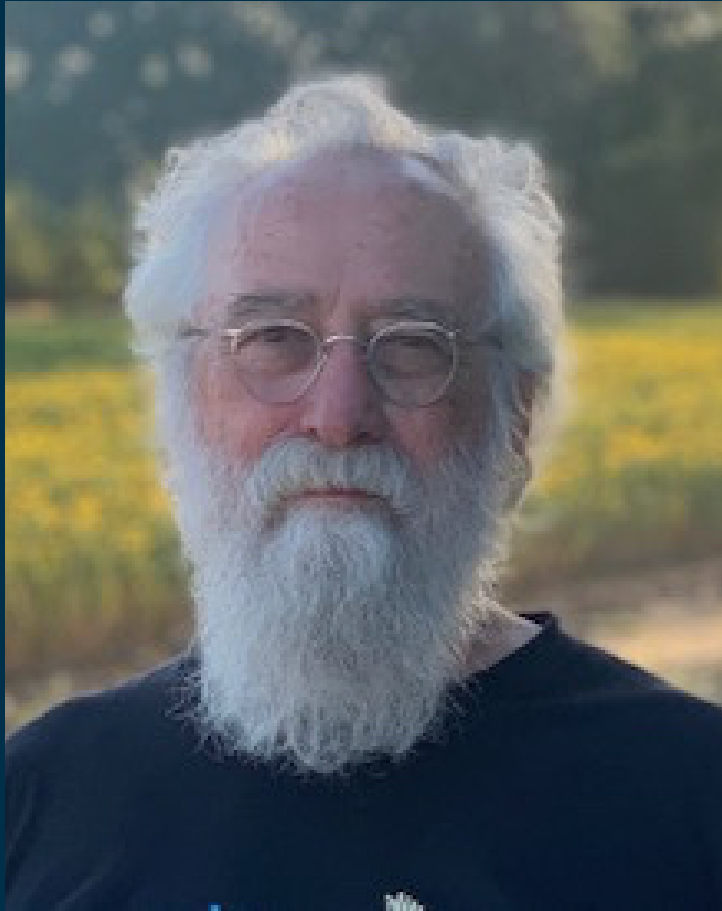


Roosevelt Elk in Orick, CA
Cervus canadensis roosevelti
Photo by Emma Steigerwald

FROM HERE TO THERE, THE MVZ EVERYWHERE

Part of the MVZ community we missed most during the pandemic were our visiting scholars. Read on to learn more about the researchers who joined us this fall from other institutions!

RETURN OF THE VISITING SCHOLARS



Michael's favorite vertebrate is the platypus!



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MICHAEL TURELLI

Distinguished Professor, UC Davis

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF!

I'm an evolutionary geneticist whose current research focuses on Wolbachia population biology and speciation. I've been a professor of genetics at UC Davis since February 1977. I plan to keep working as a professor for 50 years, unless I die first.

WHAT RESEARCH BRINGS YOU TO THE MVZ?

I'm thinking about a meta-analysis of the geography and ecology of mammalian speciation.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE BEST PART OF YOUR VISIT SO FAR?

Seeing old friends and meeting new postdocs and students.

IF WE CAME TO VISIT YOUR HOME DEPARTMENT, WHAT WOULD WE HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO?

I'm in the Department of Evolution and Ecology at UC Davis. I have an incredible set of colleagues whose doors are always open for conversation -- at least before COVID. The MVZ provides the closest atmosphere to my home department I have found at UC Berkeley.

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TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF!

I am a biologist from Argentina. My research interests are animal behavior and acoustic communication.

WHAT RESEARCH BRINGS YOU TO THE MVZ?

I am here to study the vocalizations of the colonial tuco-tuco (*Ctenomys sociabilis*).

WHAT HAS BEEN THE BEST PART OF YOUR VISIT SO FAR?

All the moments in which I had the opportunity to talk with the people that work here.

IF WE CAME TO VISIT YOUR HOME DEPARTMENT, WHAT WOULD WE HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO?

My home institution is young with a lot of potential to grow. Really, we do not have a department yet, but I am working to create a behavior and animal communication lab. So, if you visit me soon, I hope that the lab will be on the road to existing!



Juan's favorite vertebrates are horses, giraffes & tucos, of course!



Tuco naturaleza; Photo by Juan P. Amaya

I know why the colonial tuco sings