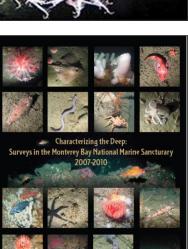
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# ROV Surveys on Two Coasts



Since 2007 the Rote Professor has been leading students from CSUMB and other campuses on research cruises around the country. Using remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) the team has collected thousands of digital still photos and hundreds of hours of video, including studies in new Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) throughout California and research on the impact of bottom trawling in California and the Gulf of Maine. Photos have graced magazine covers (left) and video is viewable on-line (below).





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#### Missions to the *Aquarius* Undersea Laboratory

www.aquarius.uncw.edu

Twice in the past three years (Nov 2008 & Oct 2010) the Rote Professor has lead CSUMB students on missions to *Aquarius*. Located in the Florida Keys, *Aquarius* is the only research facility of its kind on Earth. Each mission the team lived under water for 10 days and dived for up to 9 hours a day. The research conducted on these two missions advanced our understanding of coral reef fishes and the outreach efforts touched millions of people around the world.

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### ROTE

#### **Seminar Series**

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Science Communication (Fall 2009)

The second Rote Seminar focused on the communication of science to policy makers, the media, and the general public. Students from CSUMB and other campuses worked together for a semester culminating in a workshop with journalists from the national media. The seminar will return in Fall 2011.





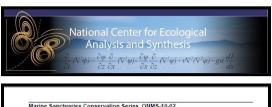
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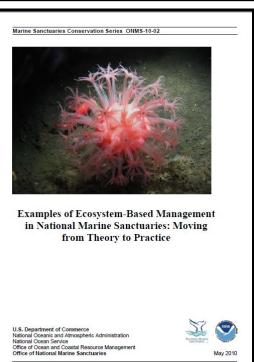
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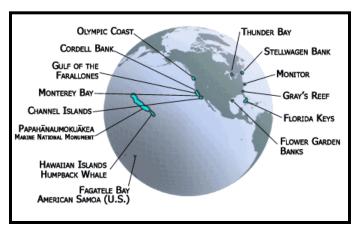
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#### **Distributed Graduate Seminar (Fall 2008)**

The first Rote Seminar in 2008 was conducted as part of a Distributed Graduate Seminar through funding from the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis. Lead by CSUMB, eight campuses from around the country (across 5 time zones) studied ocean management in NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary Program together for a semester. The semester culminated in a "Grand Synthesis" meeting at which the students produced a peer-reviewed publication (below) and developed a curriculum package based on the seminar for future courses.





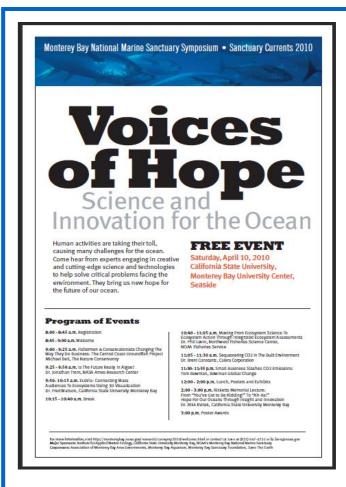


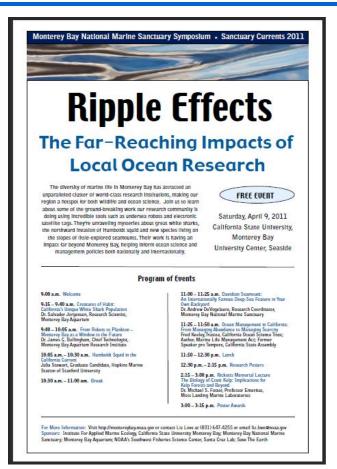


# ROTE

#### **Community Lecture Series**

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This series brings renowned speakers to campus annually to provide lectures on a variety of subjects related to the interface of science and policy. Speakers have included Congressman Sam Farr (D-California) and Dan Basta (Director of the National Marine Sanctuary Program).

Recently the Rote Lecture Series has teamed up with the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary to present the annual Sanctuary Currents Symposium. These symposia are held at CSUMB and are open to students, faculty, and the public. They feature a number of speakers that present current issues in marine science and policy in the region, and beyond.

## ROTE

#### **Research Scholarships**

#### Distinguished Professorship

The Rote Equipment is awarded annually to a graduate student in the CWSP program. This grant allows students to purchase equipment for their thesis research projects. Upon completion of their research, the equipment remains in the department for future use by students.



#### 2009 Recipient: Erin Stanfield

Erin used her Rote Research Grant funds to purchase an underwater photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) quantum light sensor. She uses this to study cyanobacterial harmful algal blooms (CHABs) in Pinto Lake near Watsonville. The results of this study will assist regional municipalities and the regional water quality control board to better understand the factors driving the formation of CHABs and to formulate the most effective management strategies for toxic CHABs.



#### 2010 Recipient: Scott Toews

Scott has used his Rote Research Grant funds to purchase molecular analysis laboratory equipment (for gel electrophoresis) as well as equipment used in his field data collection, using SCUBA. This project explores the role of habitat in structuring genetic variation in populations of black surfperch jacksoni, within Monterey Bay. This research will contribute to understanding the mechanisms that drive genetic diversity and help estimate the impact of proposed management actions that may fragment critical subtidal habitats.

The 2011 recipient will be announced in May, upon selection amongst submitted research proposals