

## **Seals in the Wild, Sea Lions in the Lab, and Psychology in the Classroom: Weaving an Interdisciplinary Research Program**

While many fields are interdisciplinary, research into marine mammal behavior is especially complex. One must understand the biology, ecology, general behavior patterns, and cognitive capabilities of the species that one studies. The Center for the Study of Pinniped Ecology and Cognition (C-SPEC) conducts research on seals and sea lions in both laboratory and field based methodologies utilizing interdisciplinary perspectives. This talk aims to discuss C-SPEC's current investigations and to use that as a basis for discussing the importance of cross-talk between differing research areas.