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IF WE MAKE THEIR BED, THEY'LL LIE IN IT: RESTORATION OF NATIVE OLYMPIA OYSTERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 • 7-9pm • JOHN M. OLGUIN AUDITORIUM

The Olympia oyster, *Ostrea lurida*, is the only oyster native to the US west coast but it has experienced significant population declines since the early 1900s due to overharvesting and habitat destruction. This once bed-forming species provides complex habitat for other organisms, but there are no remaining natural Olympia oyster beds in Southern California. Dr. Zacherl will discuss a recent study that examined the effectiveness of various restoration techniques on increasing local oyster density in Newport Bay, CA.

Fee: Free, but reservations required
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Dr. Zacherl is a Marine Ecologist and Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at CSU Fullerton. She has initiated several efforts to restore Olympia oysters in Southern California, and has been studying the population biology and ecology of this native species for nearly a decade.



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