



## Colorado Desert Natural History Research Symposium

November 4-6, 2016

Borrego Springs, California

**8:00 – 8:45** Continental Breakfast (The deAnza Ballroom)

**8:45 – 9:00** Welcome & Introductions – Paige Rogowski, ABF Executive Director & Kathy Dice, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Superintendent

### Keynote Address:

**09:00 to 9:50** **David Van Cleve**, Anza-Borrego Foundation – Anza-Borrego Foundation – The First 100 Years

### Speakers:

**9:50 to 10:40** **Dr. Phil Rundel**, University of California, Los Angeles – Plant Biodiversity in Desert Regions: Patterns and Processes

10:40 to 11:00 Break

**11:00 to 11:50** **Dr. Maxi Richmond**, University of California, San Diego – The Mysterious Micro-community or Arthropods in Rotting Barrel Cactus

11:50 to 12:00 Announcements

12:00 to 1:15 Lunch

**1:15 to 2:05** **Dr. Chris Hamilton**, Florida Museum of Natural History – Understanding the Evolution of Miniaturization and Other Tales of North American Tarantulas

**2:05 to 2:55** **Linh Anh Cat & Morgan Gorris**, Ph.D. candidates, University of California, Irvine – Disease in the Desert: Ecology, Epidemiology and Environmental Modeling of Valley Fever

2:55 to 3:15 break

**3:15 to 4:05** **Dr. Rulon W. Clark**, San Diego State University – Avoiding the Serpent's Tooth: Predator-Prey Interactions Between Sidewinder Rattlesnakes and Desert Kangaroo Rats

**4:05 to 4:55** **Dr. T. Winston Vickers**, University of California, Davis – Puma Population Dynamics and Conservation in the Western Colorado Desert, the Peninsular Ranges, and Beyond

**4:55 to 5:00** Announcements

**6:30 to 8:00** Reception & Dinner at Arches Restaurant patio