

## J-1 Global Connection

A monthly newsletter for J-1 Exchange Visitors and their Department Administrators.

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### SCHOLAR SHOWCASE



This month we would like to acknowledge the work of our short-term scholar Aurora Martinez from Spain. Aurora has been teaching Biochemistry in Norway and has taken the semester off from her responsibilities to come to USC and conduct research in the Department of Biological Sciences and Chemistry.

Aurora's research is under Professor Raymond C. Stevens, who is internationally recognized for his contributions in structural biology of important proteins and their complexes with other biomolecules. Aurora shares with us, "I am mostly learning about new techniques associated with the preparation and study of membrane proteins. Our team is making efforts to integrate chemical, biological and physical research with

cinematography and digital arts. I find this cross-disciplinary collaboration to be very inspiring."

Bergen, the city where she resides in Norway, is known for being one of the rainiest cities in Europe. Last year it rained 231 days out of 360. Aurora will return to Norway this December but in the meantime is enjoying her last few precious months soaking up the sun in Los Angeles.