

SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE
2024-2025 43rd Annual Faculty Lecture



Nature's Tapestry:
Interconnections in the Web of Life

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Garvin Theatre, 2-3 p.m.

Reception immediately following lecture

Jen Maupin's passion is in the study of nature. As a Professor in the Biological Sciences Department, for many years she coordinated and taught our largest course for non-science majors, Biol 100: Concepts of Biology. She currently teaches Plant Biology, a core course for biology majors. Other courses include Natural History, Evolution and Adaptation, Seminars in Biology, and Methods in Field Biology.

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Jen grew up in rural East Tennessee, with endless access to nature. She knew from a young age that she wanted to study biology, and graduated from the University of Tennessee with a BS in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB), a minor in Botany, and research experience in the behavioral ecology of spiders. With a newfound love of animal behavior, Jen took opportunities as they came, pursuing research with birds, butterflies, salamanders, and spiders, in Costa Rica, Washington DC, Australia, and more. She earned her PhD in EEB from Princeton University, studying the mating system of the banded garden spider, *Argiope trifasciata*. The most rewarding aspects of her work were observing species in their natural environments and sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm for biology. She knew she wanted to teach, and through a series of very fortunate turns, ended up at SBCC. She has served on Academic Senate and Senate Steering, Faculty Recognition Committee, Student Equity & Achievement Committee, and as department chair for Biological Sciences. Her greatest loves are her family; Jim, Ella (16), and Connor (13). Nothing brings her more joy than exploring the world with them.

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