Moreno Valley College presents

SWALLOW DAY

SCIENCE SEMINAR & PUENTE POETRY READING

with Guest Speaker

Charles Brown, Ph.D.

Moreno Valley College’s Puente Program and STEM are celebrating Swallow Day, inspired by San Juan Capistrano Mission’s Swallow Day, with a nature-oriented poetry reading and a science seminar presented by guest speaker Charles Brown, who has studied the evolution of social behavior in cliff swallows in western Nebraska for 33 years.

Join us to hear vibrant poetry; learn about swallows and the disadvantages of social life, such as increased incidence of parasitism; the advantages of group living, such as using information from group members to find food; and the recent findings on how cliff swallows have quickly evolved ways of avoiding being hit by cars near the roadways where they nest.

Seminar: March 18, 2015 at 12:50 pm in Humanities 334

Puente event TBA

About Charles Brown

Brown is a Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Tulsa, the author of “The Complex Social Life of Cliff Swallows: Insights from a 30-year study,” and a recipient of the American Ornithologists’ Union’s Elliot Coues Award in 2009 and the Animal Behavior Society’s Exemplar Award in 2011.

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For more information, contact Joanna Werner-Fraczek in SAS 328

* This workshop is also a faculty FLEX activity