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## **El Camino College Geography Professor Presents Photo Exhibit**

A photograph collection by El Camino College geography professor Matt Ebner will be on display through April in the college's Schuerman Library gallery/lobby area. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

"The emphasis of this exhibit is to showcase the beautiful colors and patterns in nature," said Ebner. "Despite undeniable environmental problems...the world still has a tremendous amount of beauty awaiting those who seek it."

Ebner, who has been at El Camino College since 1986, uses his photography to enhance his lectures. In 2002, he received the prestigious "Outstanding Educator Award" from the California Geological Society, an honor bestowed to only one geography teacher in California each year.

A Southern California native, Ebner has seen a good part of the world, visiting nearly 130 countries so far. Some of his favorite places are New Zealand, the Andes of Chile and Argentina, Greenland, India, Ireland, Switzerland and the western USA. He got his first big taste of travel at 19 when he completed a 49-day bicycle ride across the USA by himself. He considers the 4,000-mile trip to be one of his proudest accomplishments.

Ebner earned a B.A. and M.A. in geography from UCLA. In the summers of 2000 and 2002, he led study abroad programs to Ireland with El Camino College students, with field trips throughout the Emerald Isle, including stops in Britain and Paris. In June 2005 he led a successful study abroad program to New Zealand with a return study abroad trip completed in January 2007.

Active in regional geographic organizations, Ebner has served as president of the Los Angeles Geographical Society in 1995 and as council member in the California Geographical Society (CGS) from 1997 to present. He is also an accomplished distance runner.

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