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ORANGE, Calif., June 09, 2010 -- Chapman University's Schmid College of Science will host its first Fulbright scholar this fall, a graduate student from India who will be mentored by Dimitar Ouzounov, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Physics, Computational Science and Engineering.

Vineeta Rawat is working on her Ph.D. and focusing on research exploring the potential of remote sensing data and image processing techniques in earthquake precursor research. With Dr. Ouzounov she will work on remote sensing and earthquake thermal precursor topics.

Dr. Ouzounov is a member of the Center of Excellence in Earth Observing at Schmid. As a geophysicist, he also investigates climate change, fire detection and the earth's electromagnetic environment with satellite- and ground-based observational data. A key focus of his work for the last 10 years has been quake precursors, working with colleagues at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.