Dr. Esmeralda Iniguez (a new grad from our JDP Epi program, and a postdoc in our division) has just accepted a position as an Epidemiologist in charge of infectious disease surveillance for the Imperial Valley/Mexicali area with EWIDS (Early Warning Infectious Disease Surveillance Program). EWIDS is a joint venture by the CDC, SDSU’s Institute of Public Health and the California Office of Binational Border Health. The program provides an overall State plan to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies, including potential bioterrorism threats; builds binational capacity; and facilitates cooperation on early warning infectious disease surveillance in the California-Baja California border region. The program is housed in the COBBH offices in Mission Valley. Her first job assignment will be dealing with the influenza epidemic. Please join us in congratulating Esme.