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#### FACULTY PRESENTING STUDY FINDINGS IN HOUSTON OCT. 5-9

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Faculty and students are presenting study findings at the 2008 Joint Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America (GSA), Soil Science Society of America (SSSA), American Society of Agronomy (ASA), Crop Science Society of America (CSSA), and the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies (GCAGS) Oct. 5-9.

The topics and presenters are as follows: Dawn Stimson, Implementing Sustainable Management Practices at Two Central Coast Vineyards; Therese Quintana-Jones, Soils and Fungal Relationships of Perennial Veldt Grass; Lynn Moody and Craig Stubler, Integration of Long-term Watershed Monitoring Into a Soil Physics Course; Ian Leslie, Analysis of Chromium and Nickel in Soil and Plant Tissue Collected from the Experimental Vineyard at Cal Poly. For more information, visit [www.acsmeetings.org/programs/technical](http://www.acsmeetings.org/programs/technical).

#### CHRISTINA BAILEY RETIREMENT RECEPTION SET FOR OCT. 10

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Christina (Tina) Bailey retired Aug. 31, after more than 35 years of service in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She will continue as a FERP. The College of Science and Mathematics invites the campus community to join them in celebrating Bailey's service to the department and in congratulating her for her many contributions to the university at a reception in her honor from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10, in the Fisher Science Museum, Room 285.

#### THIS WEEK IN MUSTANG ATHLETICS

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Men's Soccer vs. UC Riverside, Wed., Oct. 8, 7 p.m., Alex G. Spanos Stadium  
Women's Soccer vs. Cal State Northridge, Sun., Oct. 12, 1 p.m., Alex G. Spanos Stadium

Tickets are available by calling the Mustang Athletic Ticket Office at ext. 6-5806 or by visiting <http://www.gopoly.com>

#### EXAM PROCTORS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ENGINEERING EXAM

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The exam will be offered at Cal Poly on Saturday, Oct. 25 by the California Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Approximately 14-20 exam proctors are needed for the all day exam. Proctors cannot be engineering students and the Board prefers non-students to serve as proctors. Faculty, staff, retired faculty, retirees, etc. are

encouraged to apply. Proctors must be able to: physically move around the exam room; fill out a seating chart and roster of examinees; check calculators; and carry answer bulletins.

The job pays \$10 per hour. Those interested in participating should send name and contact information (email and/or phone number) to Chris Pascual at [cpascual@calpoly.edu](mailto:cpascual@calpoly.edu) or call ext. 6-1306. Respond by Wednesday, Oct. 15.

#### BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT CONTINUES THROUGH OCT. 17

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This is a reminder that the Benefits Open Enrollment period is currently underway through Oct. 17. Open Enrollment allows benefits-eligible employees not already enrolled in a health or dental plan to do so. For those already enrolled, Open Enrollment provides the opportunity to change health or dental carriers, enroll or cancel Flex Cash participation, and add eligible dependents. All changes made during Open Enrollment will be effective Jan. 1, 2009.

This is also the time to enroll (or re-enroll) in the Health Care Reimbursement and Dependent Care Reimbursement Account plans for the 2009 tax year. These plans provide a perfect opportunity to pay for out-of-pocket health and dependent care expenses with pre-tax dollars. To continue participation, you **must re-enroll** each year during Open Enrollment.

You will find highlights, new premium rates, and instructions for submitting requests to Human Resources in the Open Enrollment Newsletter located on the Human Resources Web site at <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/benefits/whatsnew.html>, as well as in the Human Resources Office, Administration Building, Room 110. **Only Enrollment Worksheets received in Human Resources by the end of the day on Oct. 17 will be processed.** Questions can be directed to Human Resources at ext. 6-5436.

Also of note, important changes are coming soon to the TSA Program. In late October, current TSA plan enrollees will receive instructions on how to continue in the program. Action will be required for continued participation. As information becomes available, it will be posted on the Benefits "What's New" Web site noted above.

#### SYMPOSIUM ON NATIVE NORTH AMERICAN LITERATURES AND CULTURES SET FOR OCT. 19-21

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Cal Poly, in collaboration with UC Santa Barbara, will present a three-day symposium celebrating Native literary studies in an international context. Scholars of Native North American Studies in Europe, Taiwan, and the United States along with major Native North American writers and intellectuals will convene at UCSB and Cal Poly with students and community members Oct. 19-21.

The symposium will offer an opportunity to reflect on the historical encounter between Europe and Native North American cultures and discuss the current status and future

orientation of Native American Studies in an increasingly global world. The event is free and open to the public. For specific times and locations and for further details, including featured distinguished writers and critics, and a full schedule of events, visit [http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/es/transatlantic\\_voices.HTM](http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/es/transatlantic_voices.HTM) or contact the Ethnic Studies Department at ext. 6-1707.

#### CAL POLY CORPORATION TO OFFER FORMS PREPARATION WORKSHOPS

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Cal Poly Corporation will sponsor form preparation workshops this month. A variety of topics will be discussed, though the main focus will be on travel. The date and time of each session will be announced soon.

#### APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS

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International Education and Programs invites faculty to apply to teach in the Australia Study Program in winter 2010, Thailand Study Program and Cal Poly at Sea Program in spring 2010, and Summer Study in London Program and Peru Study Program in summer 2010. Application forms are available to faculty in their dean's office, by visiting <http://iep.calpoly.edu/faculty/facultyledprograms.htm>, or at the International Education and Programs Office in the Mathematics and Science Building, Room 145. The deadline to submit applications is Nov. 14.

#### STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted on <http://calpolyjobs.org>. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

#101776–Program Reconciliation Technician, Accounting Technician III, ESS, Admissions, Recruitment and Financial Aid, \$3,381-\$5,071/month. Closes: Oct. 19.

#101777–Administrative Assistant, Administrative Support Assistant II, University Advancement, Campaign and Donor Relations, \$2,505-\$3,758/month. Closes: Oct. 15.

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