Kennedy Library Update, April 2015

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Cal Poly faculty, staff, and friends,

Good news this spring for all Cal Poly scholars: Cal Poly has joined the Center for Research Libraries (CRL)! This membership gives our faculty and students new access to collections with exciting depth, diversity, and global scope. Help us try it out!

We welcome your questions and feedback: reply to lib-exec@calpoly.edu to reach our team!

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Cal Poly Now Member of Center for Research Libraries

Kennedy Library is the first CSU library to become a member of The Center for Research Libraries, an international consortium of libraries that supports research and teaching in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences. CRL preserves and shares rare and uncommon primary source materials from around the world in law and government, finance news, history of science, technology and engineering and the history and economics of agriculture. Read more about faculty benefits of membership on our blog.

Inviting Faculty Feedback on Active Learning Lab

We’re assessing the Active Learning Lab (216B) with faculty, and invite you to experiment with your teaching in this developing space. During the winter quarter, Professor John Chen used the Active Learning Lab for his thermodynamics course. We surveyed his students following the class and the results will inform how the space evolves. We’re looking for more faculty who are willing to experiment with active learning pedagogies in 216B. Please reply to lib-exec@calpoly.edu if you’re interested.

Appropriate Technologies, Near and Far, April 10

Open Science Cafe will feature Lonny Grafman on Friday, April 10, 11am-12:30pm in the second floor cafe lounge. Grafman is the founder of Appropedia, a wiki for collaborative solutions in sustainability, appropriate technology and poverty reduction. During the event, Grafman will engage participants in a local needs assessment followed by a quick co-design, to model the collaborative process of designing appropriate technology. This Open Science Cafe is hosted by Nasim Delavari (MCRO ’15).

Cyber CSI: Working to Solve the Data Security Crisis, April 16

The Data Studio is hosting Zachary Peterson, assistant professor in computer science and faculty at Cal Poly’s Cybersecurity Center from 11am to noon on Thursday, April 16 in Room 111C in Kennedy Library. Peterson will discuss the security implications of data storage systems, and issues with encrypting mobile device data. He will address the challenges of digital forensics, a branch of forensic science encompassing the recovery and investigation of material found in digital devices, often in relation to computer crime.

Living with an Internet of Things: RFID and Our Future, April 20

Open Science Cafe welcomes Mark Roberti, Founder and Editor of RFID Journal on Monday, April 20 from 10:30am-noon in the second floor cafe lounge. Many believe that radio frequency identification (RFID) will radically transform information technology and the way companies do business in the near future. It is a key enabler of the Internet of Things, allowing companies to track and manage parts, containers, tools, finished goods and other real-world objects in real time, with little or no human intervention.

This event is hosted by Robert Carlinghouse (IE ’15).

Historic San Luis Obispo Shared Through GIS, April 30

The Data Studio is hosting David Yun, Natural Resources Management and Environmental Sciences (NRES) lecturer and Geographic Information Services Supervisor for the City of San Luis Obispo, on Thursday, April 30, 11am to noon, in 111C. Yun will discuss how the scanning of historic maps and documents using GIS tools has provided new ways to visualize and connect to information from the past.

Yun will demonstrate online mapping and web apps to show users how to find and view historic buildings and chart the growth of the city over the decades.

For details about upcoming events, go to our calendar.