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CHICANA LATINO FACULTY STAFF ASSOCIATION AND DIVISION OF
STUDENT AFFAIRS PRESENT DANIEL SOLÓRZANO APRIL 24

Daniel Solórzano, Professor in Social Sciences and Comparative Education at the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, will speak on campus as part of the Colloquium Speaker Series sponsored by the Chicana Latino Faculty and Staff Association (CLFSA) as a membership drive event. The talk is co-sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs on Friday, April 24, in Philips Hall from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Solórzano is Director of the University of California All campus Consortium on Research for Diversity (UC ACCORD), a multi-campus research center devoted to more equitable distribution of educational resources and opportunities in schools and universities. He has a joint appointment as Professor in the Chicana and Chicano Studies Department and Professor with Women's Studies Department. Solórzano has published numerous articles, chapters and reports. His most recent publication is "Education Inequities and Latina/o Undergraduates: A Critical Race Analysis." He received the UCLA Distinguished Teacher Award.

For information about Solórzano's published works, visit <http://www.gseis.ucla.edu/faculty/members/solorzano>. Admission to Solórzano's talk is free and open to all faculty staff and students. For more information about the event and for joining the Chicana Latino Faculty and Staff Association, visit <http://www.ess.calpoly.edu/clfsa/>, or contact José Montelongo at ext. 6-7492 or Patricia Ponce at ext. 6-1380.

WHY SHOULD WE VALUE INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE?

Feminist Philosopher of Science Sandra Harding will present her talk, "Why Should We Value Indigenous Knowledge?" on Thursday, April 30, at 6 p.m. in Philips Hall, Room 124. What is indigenous knowledge and why do indigenous peoples value it? What does it have to do with biodiversity? Harding explores what Western scientists and engineers, as well as historians and philosophers of science and engineering, can learn from indigenous knowledge.

Harding is a professor of Social Sciences and Comparative Education in the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Sciences. Her talk is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies Department, Ethnic Studies Department, Materials Engineering Department, Biological Sciences Department, College of Liberal Arts and the Multicultural Center. For more information, visit http://cla.calpoly.edu/wgs/lecture_series.html, contact Professor Jane Lehr in Ethnic Studies, ext. 6-6442, or jlehr@calpoly.edu or stop by the Mathematics and Science Building, Room 140.

FEE WAIVER DEADLINE FOR FALL QUARTER IS MAY 1

The Employee Fee Waiver deadline for eligible faculty, staff and MPP employees wishing to apply for the fall term is May 1. For more information on how to apply and participate in the program, visit <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/feewaiver.asp?pid=8&subid=2>.

SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS DUE MAY 1

The Courtney Elizabeth Smyth Memorial Scholarship was established in 2000 to honor the memory of Courtney Elizabeth Smyth, a Cal Poly student whose short life was marked by a spirit of resilience in the face of adversity. Each year since its inception, the university has been able to acknowledge a truly unusual student who has overcome personal tragedy or hardship, suggesting an inner strength and a commitment to maintain academic progress. The awardees have collectively formed a legacy of perseverance that is both humbling and inspiring.

This year the university is privileged to announce the establishment of a second scholarship, the Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship, to recognize an additional

student who has succeeded while facing significant challenges. Due to the similarities in award criteria, nominees identified for either scholarship will be considered for both.

Send letters of nomination to Stephan Lamb, associate director, Student Life and Leadership, UU, Room 217 by May 1. Letters should include the name of the nominee, a description of the nominee's personal strengths and potential for success and insight into the character of the nominee and his/her ability to excel under personal adversity.

'ETHICS OF FACEBOOK' SUBJECT OF TALK ON MAY 4

Continuing the Technology and Ethics Lecture Series, the Ethics + Emerging Technologies Group holds its third talk on Monday, May 4, from 2-3:30 p.m., in the Graphic Arts Building, Room 103. The talk is free and open to the public.

Anthony F. Beavers, philosophy professor at the University of Evansville and visiting scholar at Indiana University, will explore less-obvious ethical issues arising from Facebook, the increasingly-popular social networking site. These go beyond the usual privacy concerns and include new worries such as whether Facebook redefines friendship in helpful or harmful ways, how its news feed influences which relationships will develop or will not, its impact on our sense of purpose and self-identity, and more.

For more information and a flyer, visit <http://ethics.calpoly.edu/>.

NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING FACULTY ADVISOR DUE MAY 5

The Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award recognizes a faculty member who has positively influenced students through academic advising. The award recipient will receive a \$1,200 cash stipend, be recognized at Fall Conference, and have his/her picture and award citation posted in Kennedy Library. One faculty member is recognized annually. Note that the nomination should describe the nominee's academic advising services, activities and interactions as distinct from the nominee's teaching responsibilities, and should include any special activities that relate to student development.

Faculty, staff and current students are eligible to nominate faculty for this award. At least one letter must come from a current student. No self-nominations will be recognized. Nomination information and the nomination form can be found at <http://advising.calpoly.edu/council/award/>. The deadline for all submissions is May 5.

'ART HISTORY'S BAD GIRLS' LECTURE SET FOR MAY 5

"Art History's Bad Girls: Courtesans in the Art of China and Europe" is the title of the fifth lecture in the Women's and Gender Studies speaker series set for Tuesday, May 5, at 6 p.m. in the Community Room of the SLO Public Library, 995 Palm Street. Jean Wetzel will discuss how women of the courtesan class played a surprisingly important role in the visual art of both China and the West. This talk will explore that role, focusing primarily

on women in Classical and Renaissance Western art, as well as Ming-Dynasty Chinese painting.

Wetzel is a faculty member in the Art and Design department where she teaches courses in Asian Art, Buddhist Art and most aspects of Western art, including a course on women in art. She also serves on the Women's and Gender Studies Faculty Board. Wetzel's specialty is the history of Chinese painting, and her recent publications have focused on the study of courtesan culture and the role of women of the courtesan class as painters during the Ming Dynasty in China.

The lectures are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served courtesy of Friends of the Library. For more information, contact Assistant Professor Rachel Fernflores at ext. 6-2330 or rfernflo@calpoly.edu, or visit http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/wgs/pub_lib.html.

FALL REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 6

For the first time in the university's history, Cal Poly will open fall 2009-10 registration two months early to help accommodate student demand for classes and help them finish their undergraduate education on time. Registration begins May 6, and student fees are due July 27. The move comes in light of current California state budget constraints. For more information, visit http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/April/may_reg.html.

ARCHITECTURE PROFESSOR AWARDED RESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIPS BY GETTY CENTER AND SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Architecture Professor Stephen J. Phillips has received residential fellowships for postdoctoral research from the Getty Center and the Smithsonian Institution. Phillips will spend one year at the Getty Center and six months at the Smithsonian American Art Museum before returning to share his research and experiences with students. For more information, visit http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/April/Phillips.html.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR SELECTED

Steffen Hausler, a Mechanical Engineering major, was recently selected 2008-09 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year. Hausler was nominated by George Leone, Andrew Kean, Frank Owen and Glen Thorncroft from the Mechanical Engineering Department. Hausler has worked as a student technician at the Mechanical Engineering Student Projects Lab since 2005. He has been an outstanding employee, technician, innovator and teacher of other students.

Hausler's intuitive grasp of mechanical concepts, his willingness to help guide other students and his sense of responsibility in the Student Projects Lab make him an outstanding student employee.

Hausler volunteered as a drafting engineer at the Deutsches Museum, the world's largest museum of technology and science, in Munich, Germany. He archived an historical tower clock into an animated Computer-Aided Design format for display and taught the CAD program SolidWorks to the museum directorship to aid in their continued work. In September 2008, he helped build a Human Powered Vehicle that traveled 62 mph at its first competition. Earning a 3.5 GPA, he made the Dean's List in fall 2008.

STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

#101891–On-Call Custodian, Pool Position, University Housing, Housing and Business Services. Up to 50 positions available, temporary on-call from June 1 through Sept. 30, \$13.20-\$19.81/hour. Open until filled. Review begins: April 7.

#101912–Gardening Specialist, Administration and Finance, Facility Services, \$2,950-\$4,423/month. Closes: May 4.

#101915–Administrative Analyst/Specialist, Exempt I, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, \$3,845-\$5,770/month. Closes: April 29.

#101916–Administrative Assistant, Administrative Support Assistant II, Student Affairs, Administration, \$2,505-\$3,758/month. Closes: May 1.

CORPORATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. For an application, visit Human Resources in the Corporation Administration Building, check the Web site at <http://www.calpolycorporation.org> or call ext. 6-7107.

Research Assistant, Dairy Ingredients, Dairy Products and Technology Center, \$15.18-\$22.05/hour. Requirements: BS in Dairy/Food/Culinary Science or related field, or equivalent combination of education and experience. General knowledge/experience in formulation, manufacture and properties of milk and dairy ingredients/foods and their applications. Excellent benefits.

ASI EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Candidates are asked to visit www.asi.calpoly.edu to complete an application and apply for positions listed below. For more information, contact the ASI Business Office in UU, Room 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

Human Resources Technician, \$18/hour, plus full benefits. Open until filled. Review begins: April 27.

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