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California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California

# Cal Poly Report - Feb. 10, 2010

## News

### Society of Women Engineers Honors Five Outstanding Members



The Cal Poly Society of Women Engineers (SWE), in cooperation with Hewlett-Packard, announced the recipients of the 2010 Outstanding Women in Engineering and Technology Award at this year's "Evening With Industry" held in January at the San Luis Obispo Embassy Suites. In addition, SWE named Lee McFarland from Mechanical Engineering as "Most Supportive Professor" and presented \$30,000 in scholarships at the gala.

[More on SWE](#)

### Cal Poly Offering Expanded Summer Term Through Continuing Education

Despite state cutbacks in funding for higher education, Cal Poly Summer Term 2010 will feature expanded class offerings to current Cal Poly students as well as residents of San Luis Obispo County. Registration for summer term begins in late April, and courses will be offered in five- and eight-week sessions beginning June 21. There will be a pre-fall quarter intersession of three weeks starting Aug. 23. Cal Poly's selection of summer term courses is designed to meet three goals: 1) Provide high-demand classes that students need for graduation; 2) Provide opportunities for non-Cal Poly students to earn transferable course credits; and 3) Offer both career and professional development courses for residents of San Luis Obispo County.

[Details on Summer Session 2010](#)



## Faculty and Staff

### Asian Studies Minor Begins Spring Quarter 2010

The History Department and College of Liberal Arts are pleased to announce the founding of the Asian Studies Minor. The minor consists of 28 units taken in courses offered by 10 departments. The minor is open to all Cal Poly undergraduates.

Asia is a region of critical importance to the United States, particularly to California, and also to the future of science, technology, education, the environment and business. This minor gives Cal Poly students a chance to gain an interdisciplinary understanding of Asia – particularly its rich and varied histories, arts, languages, philosophies, religions and social patterns.

The Asian Studies Minor is designed to offer a great deal of flexibility. Courses taken in the Thailand study abroad program (and other Asian study abroad programs, like those in China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan offered by the CSU, for example) are applicable. For details, please contact History Department Chair Andrew Morris at ext. 6-2845 or [admorris@calpoly.edu](mailto:admorris@calpoly.edu), or see the catalog description at [http://www.catalog.calpoly.edu/2009pubcat/cla/hist\\_dept/asianstud\\_mnr.pdf](http://www.catalog.calpoly.edu/2009pubcat/cla/hist_dept/asianstud_mnr.pdf).

### **Retirement Reception for Kent Morrison Set for Feb. 25**

Kent Morrison is retiring after 32 years of service to Cal Poly. The Mathematics Department invites the campus community to a reception in his honor Thursday, Feb. 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Fisher Science, Room 285. Kent joined the Math Department as a lecturer in fall 1977, accepted a tenure-track position in fall 1979, and served as chairman from September 1999 to August 2008. He will continue to teach part-time at Cal Poly and will be associated with the American Institute of Mathematics in Palo Alto as a visiting researcher.

## **Campus Announcements**

### **Student Ombuds Services Established**

The Office of Student Ombuds Services provides students with an informal, independent, impartial and confidential resource to assist in the resolution of university-related complaints or concerns. The ombuds staff are committed to hearing about students' experiences, assisting them in understanding applicable university policies and procedures, and - as appropriate - helping them to resolve informally any university-related concerns. The staff adhere to the Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice of the [International Ombuds Association](#). Associate Ombuds Patricia Ponce normally will be available to see students in the Student Ombuds Services office (Kennedy Library, room 113) daily between 10 a.m. and noon or by appointment. Contact Ponce at [pponce@calpoly.edu](mailto:pponce@calpoly.edu) or ext. 6-1380. A [Web site](#) with more information is under construction.

### **Sage Hosts Social Hour - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Before Selected PAC Performances**

Come to Sage Restaurant before going to a show at the Performing Arts Center. Enjoy unlimited appetizers and two glasses of wine for \$25 per person. Sage Restaurant is located across the street from the Performing Arts Center. Call ext. 6-1204 or visit <http://www.sagerestaurantslo.com/specialevents> for more event information. Social Hour is open prior to the following upcoming PAC shows this term: Monday, Feb. 22, before Camelot; Thursday, March 4, before Avenue Q.

### **Cal Poly's Polytechnic Identity: A Poster Session**

WASC, The Western Association of Schools and Colleges, will visit Cal Poly on Feb. 10-12 as part of the university's reaccreditation process. While on campus, representative will attend a poster session highlighting the efforts of various campus programs in regards to learn by doing, integration in student learning and student participation in faculty scholarship. Posters are on display for campus review through Feb. 19 in the Learning Commons, next to Julian's on the second floor of the library. For more information on WASC or the campus reaccreditation process, visit <http://wasc.calpoly.edu/>.

### **WASC Visiting Team on Campus Feb. 10-12**

A visiting team from WASC, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, is currently on campus. This occasion is part of the process of re-affirming the university's accreditation, which assures the value of our degrees and our eligibility for federal funding. The visiting team wants to know what you think about Cal Poly and its ability to provide a high-quality education. Open forums are scheduled for staff from 2:10 to 3 p.m. Feb. 10 and for faculty

from 10:10-11 a.m. Feb. 11, both in UU 220. The visiting team will also make a closing presentation, open to the campus community, at 8:15 a.m. Feb. 12 in Phillips Hall in the Performing Arts Center. Faculty and staff may also send comments to [wasc2calpolyslo@yahoo.com](mailto:wasc2calpolyslo@yahoo.com). Comments sent to this address go directly to the team chairman and will not be viewed by anyone at Cal Poly. For more information on the re-affirmation process and to read a summary of the report we recently submitted to WASC, visit <http://wasc.calpoly.edu>.

### **Student Employee of the Year Nomination Deadline is Today**

Faculty and staff can show their appreciation for student employees by nominating them for the university's 2009-10 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year (OSEY) award. Nominees must have completed at least six months of part-time student employment during the academic year - June 22, 2009, to June 12, 2010. Eligible candidates include State, ASI and CP Corporation student employees. Nominees can be Federal Work-Study and non-Federal Work-Study students. The winner will be announced in April and entered into the state competition with a chance to go to the regional and national competitions. The national winner is announced during National Student Employment Week, the second week of April. To print the 2009-10 OSEY nomination form, visit <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/payroll/forms.asp?form=20>. Submit forms to L. McDonald in Financial Aid by Wednesday, Feb. 10.

### **Library Special Closure Set for Feb. 12**

Due to staff furloughs, the Kennedy Library will observe a special closure day Friday, Feb. 12. The Library's 24-Hour Study Room will remain open, and Pony Prints will observe normal open hours - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Main Library will reopen from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14; and 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15 (Presidents Day Holiday).

The Main Library and the 24-Hour Study Room will also be closed Monday, March 22, during the Spring Quarter break. Contact Anna Gold, associate dean for Public Services, at ext. 6-2345 with any questions or comments.

### **Cal Poly Housing Corporation Board Meeting Set for Feb. 12**

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation (CPHC) will hold its next meeting Friday, Feb. 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Room 124. This is a public meeting. A copy of the agenda is available for public review at the Corporation Administration Building. For more information, contact Bonnie Murphy, at ext. 6-1131.



### **Wilderness First Aid Certification Course Set for Feb. 13, 14**

The Poly Escapes Outdoor Adventures Program will host a Wilderness First Aid class presented by the Wilderness Medicine Institute (WMI) of NOLS. The course provides WMI Wilderness First Aid Certification and Wilderness First Responder re-certification. The class is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 13 and 14, in UU 220. Tuition is \$145 for students and \$195 for non-students and covers fees for the course only. Non-student participants can contact Nancy Clark at ext. 6-7007 or [naclark@calpoly.edu](mailto:naclark@calpoly.edu) for registration instructions. The course is fast-paced and hands-on and covers a wide range of wilderness medicine topics for people who travel in the outdoors. WMI's curriculum is unique and includes advanced topics that other programs leave out, such as dislocation reduction, focused spinal assessment and epinephrine administration. This course is ideal for trip leaders, camp staff, outdoor enthusiasts and individuals in remote locations. WMI's course is pre-approved by the American Camping Association, the U.S. Forest Service and other governmental agencies. This course does not include CPR.

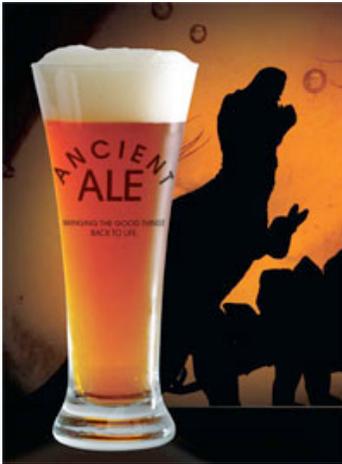
## Deadline for Student Research Competition Entries is Feb. 18

The Research and Graduate Programs office encourages faculty and staff members to notify students about the CSU Student Research Competition, to be held April 30 and May 1 at San Jose State University. Students may adapt their senior projects or master's theses for entry in the competition. The deadline to submit entries for Cal Poly's March 6 campuswide review is Feb. 18. For more information, visit <http://www.rgp.calpoly.edu/>.

## Student Financial Aid and Scholarship Deadline is March 2

The Financial Aid Office asks faculty and staff to remind students that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) deadline is March 2. To apply for federal aid, state aid and Cal Poly Scholarships, students must complete the FAFSA every year. For questions, dial ext. 6-2927.

## Events



### Hear Professor Explain Ancient Ale at Kennedy Library's Science Café Wednesday

Think of beer with ingredients from an era when dinosaurs roamed the Earth. How do you make it? What would it taste like? Cal Poly Kennedy Library Science Café focuses on this unusual topic with "Jurassic Beer: The Making of a 45-Million-Year-Old Brew" with Raul Cano from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the library's second floor Café Lounge. The event is free and open to the public. Cano, a Cal Poly professor emeritus of biological sciences, is a founding scientist of Ambergene Corporation, and founder and director of the Environmental Biotechnology Institute.

[More on Jurassic Beer](#)

### Get Ready for 'Die Fledermaus' with Free Vocal Master Class

#### Wednesday

The Cal Poly Opera Workshop presents a master class with Giorgio Lalov at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the Pavilion of the Performing Arts Center. The class will be led by Giorgio Lalov, director of Teatro Lirico D'Europa. Several of the Cal Poly Music Department's vocalists will be featured soloists.

[More about the master class](#)

### Teatro Lirico d'Europa Returns with 'Die Fledermaus'

#### Wednesday

Cal Poly Arts presents 'Die Fledermaus' in the Cohan Center at 7 p.m. Feb. 10. In a triumphant return to the Cohan Center, international opera troupe Teatro Lirico d'Europa brings its first-rate, full-scale performance of Strauss' highly entertaining comic opera for a delightful Cal Poly Arts engagement. (In German, with English supertitles.)

[More on 'Die Fledermaus'](#)



### Diversity in America and Pop Culture is Professor's Topic Thursday

Diversity in America and in the Popular Culture is the topic for a lecture by

Samuel Betances at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 11 in Sage Vista Grande Cafe. A biracial, bicultural and bilingual citizen, Betances earned his doctorate from Harvard University and has worked in all 50 states and countries including Japan, Korea, Germany and Mexico. His address is part of Cal Poly's Provocative Perspectives speaker series.

### Hearst Lecture Series Continues Friday with Serraino

Cal Poly's Hearst Lecture Series continues Friday, Feb. 12, with Pierluigi Serraino, an Italian architect practicing in the Bay Area. His articles and projects have appeared in numerous publications. Among his titles are "Modernism Rediscovered," "NorCalMod: Icons on Northern California Modernism" and "History of Form\*Z." Forthcoming books are a monograph of mid-century architect Gordon Drake and a study of Digital Design through the work of design architect John Marx of San Francisco.

[Details on Serraino](#)

### See Late Night's Craig Ferguson in Benefit Show Saturday



Join Scottish-American stand-up comedian Craig Ferguson, host of CBS's "The Late, Late Show," for a Valentine's Day benefit performance at the Christopher Cohan Center. Though he started his career in a Scottish punk rock band, by summer 1994 Craig Ferguson was established as one of Great Britain's leading comedians after a huge success at the Edinburgh Festival. In 1995 he moved to Los Angeles, where he now works as an actor-writer-director-producer-creator and as host of CBS's ultra late night show. See him in Harman Hall; showtime is 8 p.m., and proceeds benefit local youth charities.

[Details on Ferguson](#)

## Job Vacancies

### 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.

**#101996 – Director for Agricultural Operations**, Administrator II, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, Farm Operations. Salary is commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: March 5, 2010.

**#101998 – On Call Custodian, Pool Position**, Administration & Finance, Facility Services, temporary on call through June 30, 2010, \$13.20 - \$19.81 per hour. Closes Feb. 16, 2010.

**#102005 – Associate Vice President for Academic Personnel**, Administrator IV, Academic Personnel, salary is commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: March 5, 2010.

**#102008 – GAAP Manager**, Administrator I, Fiscal Services, salary is commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: March 8, 2010.

**#102009 – Office Coordinator**, Administrative Support Coordinator I, Administration & Finance, Contracts, Procurement & Risk Management, \$2,808 - \$4,212 per month. Closes: Feb. 19, 2010.

### Faculty Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment Web site at <http://calpolyjobs.org> to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad.

**There are no new job openings this week.**

## 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. 6-1121.

**Associate Executive Director, Finance & Business Operations**, \$89,414 - \$129,792 per year. Requires bachelor's in finance or accounting with at least 10 years of increasingly responsible experience, including five years in a senior-level finance or accounting position. Master's degree and CPA degree preferred. This position will oversee all financial affairs for Cal Poly Corporation activities and will have management responsibility for banking and investment relations, treasury, internal and external auditing, internal controls and accounting operations, risk management, tax compliance, purchasing, disbursement, general accounting and financial systems, financial reporting, and long-range planning.

**Cook, 19 Metro Station**, Campus Dining, \$11.90 - \$14.57 per hour. Ten-month position with summers/quarter breaks off unless work is available. Requires HS degree or equivalent with two years cooking experience in a food service or production position, preferably on a college campus; must be able to lift and carry up to 50 lbs. and have a valid Calif. driver's license.

## ASI Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit <http://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.

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