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News

Professor-Turned-Ambassador Speaks at 'A Night in Afghanistan' Screening



Cal Poly is hosting a free screening of the documentary film "Kabul Transit" followed by a question-and-answer session with recent Afghan ambassador Maliha Zulfacar on Tuesday, March 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium on campus. Zulfacar, an Afghan native and longtime social science professor at Cal Poly, just returned to campus after spending nearly three years as Afghanistan's ambassador to Germany. Admission to "An Evening in Afghanistan" is free. The Cal Poly Social Sciences Club, which is sponsoring the event, will be accepting donations for Haitian earthquake relief.

[Details on 'Kabul' Screening](#)

Cal Poly Bakari Project Making Headlines, Making a Difference

Cal Poly's Bakari Project was featured Feb. 22 in the San Luis Obispo Tribune. The Bakari Project is a 52-week intervention program at Cal Poly for juvenile criminal offenders. It which focuses on helping those at risk improve behavior, gain personal responsibility and steer clear of crime. The program, called the Bakari Project, is endorsed by the county's Anti-Gang Coordinating Commission and overseen by Cal Poly psychology professor Roslyn Caldwell. The program is funded by grant money from local agencies.

[Read the story and see photos in the SLO Tribune](#)

Cal Poly Fraternities Defer Rushing for New Students

Leaders of Cal Poly's Interfraternity Council have announced a new plan that will bar new students from joining fraternities during their first quarter of enrollment. The change, effective fall quarter 2010, applies to both freshmen and transfer students. The aim, said Interfraternity Council President Andrew Farrell, is to give students who are new to the Cal Poly campus a chance to acclimate and establish themselves academically and socially before they think about the time-consuming and demanding process of joining a social organization.

[More on deferred rushing](#)

Faculty and Staff

Catastrophic Leave Drive for Margarita Hill

Margarita Hill, department chair in Landscape Architecture, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Margarita remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Kathy Mastako, Landscape Architecture, at ext. 6-1319 or klmastak@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Human Resources Updates Volunteer Identification Form (HR-V1)

Departments are reminded that a Volunteer Identification Form (HR - V1) must be completed and submitted to Human Resources prior to the start of the volunteer assignment. The form and Volunteer Program Web site have been updated and may be accessed at <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/volunteer.asp> . For questions, contact Alana Lardizabal, Human Resources manager, at ext. 6-7428 or alardiza@calpoly.edu.

Campus Announcements

Free Legal Advice

ASI has contracted with San Luis Obispo attorney Jeff Radding to provide free legal advice to all currently enrolled Cal Poly students, faculty, staff, CPC staff and ASI staff. Radding provides free consultations every other Friday in the ASI Business Office conference room in the UU. To schedule an appointment, call the ASI Business Office at ext. 6-1281.

Sage to Host Social Hour March 4

Come to Sage Restaurant before the Avenue Q show at the Performing Arts Center on March 4 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. 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.

PREFACE Reading Program Suspended for 2010-2011

Cal Poly's PREFACE Program will be suspended due to budget cuts and staffing issues. However, colleges and/or departments are encouraged to conduct their own shared reading programs targeted to their respective incoming classes. Academic Programs is available to provide guidance (including a possible book selection developed during the past quarter) and some logistical support for such activities. Contact Kimberly Wilson at kwilso15@calpoly.edu and visit <http://preface.calpoly.edu/> for more information regarding the PREFACE Shared Reading Program.

Zimbra "Tips and Tricks" Forum is Today

ITS invites faculty and staff to attend a forum on Zimbra "tips and tricks" for e-mail and calendar from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. today in the Business Building, Room 113. Content is based on specific feedback from academic and administrative units across campus and how Zimbra can help you be more productive. Questions and suggestions are welcome from all attendees.

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.

Corporation Board Meeting Set for March 5

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold a regular meeting on Friday, March 5 at 8:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Conference Room 124. This is a public meeting. For more information about this meeting or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Bonnie Murphy, executive director, Cal Poly Corporation at ext. 6-1131.

Nominate a Faculty Advisor for the Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award

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

Faculty, staff, and current students may nominate faculty for this award. However, at least one letter must come from a current student, and no self-nominations will be recognized. Nomination information and the electronic nomination form can be found at: <http://advising.calpoly.edu/council/award/index.htm>. The deadline for all submissions is April 5.

Events

Hearst Lecture Series Concludes Friday with Marble

Cal Poly's Hearst Lecture Series concludes Friday, Feb. 26, with Scott Marble. Marble is founding partner of Marble Fairbanks and a faculty member at the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. His early engagement with digital technologies at Columbia University, teaching one of the first "paperless" design studios, has allowed Marble Fairbanks to pioneer innovative uses of digital fabrication and unique assemblies in their design work.

[Details on Marble](#)

Cal Poly to Host 'Change the Status Quo' Conference This Weekend

Cal Poly's Student Community Services will host the eighth annual "Change the Status Quo: A Student's Role in Shaping Society" conference Feb. 26 and 27. The conference is open to the campus community and the public. "Change the Status Quo" focuses on educating and connecting activists on a variety of issues, bringing together people who share a passion for making a difference in their community and the world. Participants are encouraged to challenge stereotypes, demand solutions and use education to make lasting changes.

[More on the 'Change the Status Quo' conference](#)

Cal Poly Choirs' Winter Concert is Saturday

The Cal Poly Choirs' Winter Concert, "Wings of Bliss," is set for Saturday, Feb. 27, at 8 p.m. in the Cohan Center. Soar to new choral heights as the Cal Poly Choirs present works by Vaughan Williams, Claude Debussy, Johann Sebastian Bach, Antonio Lotti and Lili Boulanger. Featured will be a music premiere by Cal Poly Professor Craig Russell.

[More on "Wings of Bliss](#)



Expert in Israel-Palestine Conflict to Speak at Cal Poly March 3

Anthropologist Jeff Halper will chronicle his work to promote peace and equity in Israeli-occupied Palestine from noon to 2 p.m. March 3 in the Business Rotunda. Halper co-founded the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions in an effort to end the Israeli practice of razing Palestinian homes in the occupied territories. He also coordinated Israelis and Palestinians in joint efforts to rebuild homes in the war-torn areas.

[Read more about Halper's presentation](#)

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.

#101991 - Administrative Support Coordinator, College of Liberal Arts, History, \$2,808-\$4,212 per month. Anticipated hiring range: \$2,808-\$3,089 per month. Closes: March 2, 2010.

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#101998 - On-Call Custodian (Pool Position), Administration & Finance, Facility Services, Temporary on-call through June 30, 2010. Open until filled. Review begins March 2, 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.

There are no new job openings this week.

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.

There are no new job openings this week.

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