



## News & Events

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# Cal Poly Report - March 3, 2010

## News

### Cal Poly's Monster Tractor Pulls to Top at World Ag Expo



The Cal Poly-built supertractor pulled its way to the top of the competition recently at the World Ag Expo. The annual event in Tulare draws thousands of exhibitors and competitors from all facets of the agriculture industry. "Poly Thunder" is the name of the university's modified 13,000 horsepower tractor and the team of students who work on it and compete with it, pulling weighted loads down a 300-foot track. The Poly Thunder team is on a winning streak this year. See it in action at Open House on April 17 on campus.

[Read the full story in the Mustang Daily](#) | [Visit the Poly Thunder Web site](#)

### 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 focuses on helping those juveniles improve behavior, gain personal responsibility and steer clear of crime. The program is endorsed by the county's Anti-Gang Coordinating Commission and overseen by Cal Poly psychology professor Roslyn Caldwell. It is funded by grant money from local agencies.

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

## Faculty and Staff

### 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](mailto:alardiza@calpoly.edu).

### Office of Registrar Has New Responsibilities and a New Associate Registrar

In February, university scheduling, catalog and curriculum responsibilities transitioned from Academic Programs to the Office of the Registrar under the leadership of Susan Olivas, interim associate registrar. With this change, the Office of the Registrar is now responsible for the production of the institutional catalog, along with the procedural/mechanical aspects of the curriculum process. This change provides a more coherent and efficient relationship between curriculum workflow, class scheduling and catalog publication. Meanwhile, the responsibility

for and oversight of academic programs will continue under Erling Smith, the vice provost for Programs and Planning.

Kay Jensen, previously in the Office of Academic Programs, now reports to Susan Olivas and will continue to produce the Cal Poly Catalog. Olivas has been appointed to the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee, assisting the committee with all aspects of the university curriculum as appropriate. She is now located in the Administration Building, Room 219 and can be reached at ext. 6-2533 or [solivas@calpoly.edu](mailto:solivas@calpoly.edu).

### **Retirement Reception for Ahmad Seifoddini Set for March 11**

Ahmad Seifoddini is retiring after 26 years of service to Cal Poly. The Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Department invites the campus community to a reception in his honor Thursday, March 11, from 11 a.m. to noon in Engineering IV, Room 220. Ahmad accepted a tenure-track position in Spring 1984 and primarily taught Operations Research.

## **Campus Announcements**

### **Van Pool has Openings**

Share the Ride! There are vanpool openings for Paso Robles and North Coast vans. For more information, contact Susan Rains at ext. 6-6680 or [srains@calpoly.edu](mailto:srains@calpoly.edu)

### **Free Legal Advice Available**

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 and 6**

Come to Sage Restaurant before the Avenue Q show at the Performing Arts Center on March 4 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sage will also host social hour on Saturday, March 6 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. prior to the SLO Symphony performance. 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.

### **Corporation Board Meeting Set for March 5**

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold a regular meeting 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.

### **Amateur Radio Orienteering and Antenna Building Session Set for Saturday**

The Amateur Radio Club, RMAP, and Professor Sam Vigil are hosting a transmitter hunt and antenna build session Saturday, March 6. Learn to build a direction-finding antenna along with an attenuator, and test them out at the transmitter hunt that day. The antenna-build session begins at 9 a.m. in Engineering East, Room 116, and the transmitter hunt begins at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome, visit [www.w6bhz.org](http://www.w6bhz.org) for more details.

## Events

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

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](#)

### **Perspectives on Motherhood in Unified Germany Wednesday, Thursday**

The film "Good-Bye, Lenin!" will be screened as part of a conversation about representations of motherhood in German culture since the fall of the Berlin Wall. The film will be shown Wednesday, March 3, from 7 to 10 p.m. in Clyde P. Fisher Science Hall (Bldg. 33), Room 287. Visiting Professor Alexandra Merley Hill will lead a discussion on the topic Thursday, March 4, at 11 a.m. in Science North (Bldg. 53), Room 213. The presentation is sponsored by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures and the Department of Women and Gender Studies.

### **Catch 'Avenue Q' at the Cohan Center Thursday**

Cal Poly Arts presents "Avenue Q" at the Cohan Center on March 4. A hilarious show full of heart and hummable tunes, "Avenue Q" is about trying to make it in NYC with big dreams and a tiny bank account. It features a cast of people and puppets who tell the story in a smart, risqué and downright entertaining way. (Contains adult themes/content)

[More on 'Avenue Q'](#)



### **Is Scientific Reality Crumbling? Engineering Professor Explains Thursday**

"The Crumbling of Our Scientific View of Reality: What Do We Do Now?" is the topic of a breakfast lecture by Cal Poly Materials Engineering Professor Linda Vanasupa at 7:30 a.m. March 4 in Sage Vista Grande Cafe. In addition to teaching, Vanasupa is also founding co-director of the Center for Sustainability in Engineering at Cal Poly. She's interested in healing the schism between Western and Eastern world views. The event is part of Cal Poly's Provocative Perspectives speaker series.

### **Theatre & Dance Dept. Presents 'Julius Caesar' This Weekend**

Set against a background of civil unrest and political uncertainty, "Julius Caesar" showcases a republic and its leaders battling the public and private perils that come with power. By deconstructing the plot and taking the events out of sequence, this version documents more closely how a society behaves when asked to define and defend the conflicting ideas of freedom and democracy. Showtime is 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre.

[Details on Caesar](#)

### **A Divided Jerusalem will be Discussed Thursday**

Richard Hecht, distinguished professor of religious studies at the UC Santa Barbara, will present a talk "Jerusalem: the Torn City" on Thursday, March 4, at 7 p.m. in The Performing Arts Center's Philips Hall. The event is free and open to the public

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



### Hear Cal Poly's Arab Music Ensemble Friday

Experience Cal Poly's Arab Music Ensemble Winter Concert at 8 p.m. March 5 in the Pavilion of the Performing Arts Center. The ensemble will perform vocal and instrumental selections of some of the best-known art and popular music of the Eastern Mediterranean and larger Middle East, joined by San Luis Obispo's own Middle Eastern dancers.

[More on the Arab Music Ensemble concert](#)

### Cal Poly Symphony & Soloist Showcase Concert is Sunday

The Cal Poly Symphony Winter Concert Student Soloist Showcase is set for 3 p.m. March 7 in the Cohan Center. The Winter Concert is the second stop in the symphony's season-long journey: the search for a uniquely American sound. It will also feature the winners of our annual student solo competition.

[More on the symphony solo competition](#)

### Talk on STEM Set for March 11

The Department of Women & Gender Studies, Women's Programs & Services, and Cal Poly's Chapter of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) proudly present a round-table discussion titled, "Women and People of Color in STEM Fields -- An Update" on Thursday, March 11, from 11 a.m. to noon in UU 219.

The discussion, facilitated by Jane Lehr, professor of Ethnic Studies and Women's & Gender Studies, will explore the following questions: What is the status of women and/or people of color in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields today; what are the most pressing challenges that remain for women and/or people of color in STEM fields; how do you explain the continued under-representation of women and/or people of color in many STEM fields; and what is the most important thing we can do to better recruit and retain women and/or people of color in STEM fields where they remain under-represented? For more information, email [womensprograms@calpoly.edu](mailto:womensprograms@calpoly.edu) or call ext. 6-2600.

### Talk on Neuroscience and Ethics Set for March 12

The Philosophy Department is hosting a free talk, titled "Neuroscience: Scientific Revolutions, Social Challenges," on Friday, March 12 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Philips Hall, Room 124. The talk will be given by Stanford University Professor Hank Greely. Greely is the Deane F. and Kate Edelman Johnson Professor of Law and director of the Center for Law and the Biosciences at Stanford. For more information, contact Patrick Lin at [palin@calpoly.edu](mailto:palin@calpoly.edu).

### Annual Swanton Pacific AI Smith Day Railroad Run Set for April 11

Swanton Pacific Ranch and Railroad are hosting their annual AI Smith Day Railroad Run on Sunday, April 11. A traditional Santa Maria-style BBQ will be offered, along with train rides from approx 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tours of the ranch and railroad facilities. The price is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children age 8 or younger. The Swanton ranch serves as an extension of Cal Poly's instructional programs in agriculture, forestry and other disciplines. The approximately 3,200-acre ranch was donated by Cal Poly alumnus AI Smith following his passing in 1993. For more information, contact Ed Carnegie at [ecarnegi@calpoly.edu](mailto:ecarnegi@calpoly.edu) or 805-995-3659. An invitation may be accessed through the Web site [www.sprr.calpoly.edu](http://www.sprr.calpoly.edu) [go to calendar and next event, then page two] .

## 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.

### **There are no new openings**

### **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.

**#102013, Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Architecture**, Architecture Department, College of Architecture and Environmental Design ext. 6-1135. Review begins: April 19, 2010.

**#102003, Part-Time Lecturer Pool, History**, History Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-2670. Review begins: April 1, 2010.

**#102004, Part-Time Lecturer Pool, History/Student Teacher Supervisors**, History Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-2670. Review begins: March 31, 2010.

**#101999, Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Social Sciences**, Social Sciences Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-2752. Review begins: May 1, 2010.

**#102007, Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Journalism**, Journalism Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-2508. Review begins: April 1, 2010.

**#102018, Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Music**, Music Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-2607. Review begins: April 5, 2010.

### **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.

**Irrigation Support Engineer/Specialist I/II/III**, ITRC Hiring Pool, \$38,012-\$70,460 per year, salary depends on experience. Requires B.S. in Agricultural Engineering (in irrigation) or related, PE license & M.S. desired, one to three years experience and knowledge of on-farm irrigation design, management and evaluation, crop water requirements and salinity, water balances, supervisory control and data acquisition, and irrigation district modernization. Applications are kept on file until Dec. 31, 2010. Pool will be used to fill vacant positions as they become available.

### **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.

**Accounting Technician I**, \$15.32 per hour. Position closes March 12, 2010