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News

Orfalea College of Business Moves Up On Business Week's Top B-School List

Cal Poly's Orfalea College of Business once again has been named to Business Week magazine's list of the nation's top undergraduate business colleges, moving up to No. 64 on the 2010 list. The magazine ranked 111 schools this year. Cal Poly jumped up from No. 70 on the 2009 list and is again one of only two public universities in California – along with UC Berkeley, which is ranked No. 6 – to make the list.
More on the Orfalea College of Business ranking

Construction Management Students Win Multiple Categories in National Competition

For the second year in a row, Cal Poly Construction Management student teams received more trophies overall than any other school during the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) National and Regional Student Competitions. The Cal Poly teams placed in multiple categories at the national competition, garnering a first in marine, second in risk management and third in both electrical and building information modeling (BIM).
More on Construction Management Awards

Faculty and Staff

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.

Retirement Reception for Hal Cota Set for March 19

A retirement reception in honor of Professor Harold (Hal) Cota is scheduled for Friday, March 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Advanced Technology Laboratory Lobby. Cota is retiring after more than 40 years of service to Cal Poly in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. RSVP by Monday, March 15, to Andry Gonzales at agonzale@calpoly.edu.

Academic Senate Completes Elections for 2010-11

The Academic Senate completed its election process for 2010-2011. A list of Academic Senate members can be found at
http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/documents/senators_10-11.pdf.

Catastrophic Leave Drive

A personal catastrophic leave drive has been authorized for Political Science Professor Linda Shepherd. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Shepherd remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Carson Crain, College of Liberal Arts, Deans Office, at ext. 6-5755 or ccrain@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Cal Poly Professors to Address Agriculture and Natural Resource Issues

Four professors in Cal Poly's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences are working with their colleagues at the University of California and other CSU campuses on projects that address issues in agriculture and natural resources. Nine teams of researchers and educators from the University of California and California State University received funding intended to foster collaboration among California's colleges and universities. Funding for the nine projects is provided by the University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources and totals $79,000.
Read more about the projects the professors are working on

Cal Poly Professor Recognized at Annual Erosion Control Conference

Cal Poly Brent Hallock received the Presenter of the Year Award at the 41st conference and expo of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA) held recently in Reno, Nev.
Read more about Hallock's award

Russell Receives the Edna Kimbro Award

Professor Craig Russell of the Music Department was recently awarded the Edna Kimbro Award from the California Mission Studies Association (CMSA). The award is granted annually to a distinguished scholar who has made the most substantial contribution in the study of California and its culture during the mission era.

Russell received the award primarily for his most recent publication, "From Serra to Sancho: Music and Pageantry in the California Missions" (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009). The president of the CMSA is Cal Poly History Professor Dan Krieger.

The award was announced Friday, Feb. 26, at the opening ceremony of the 27th Annual Conference of the CMSA, held at Mission San Luis Rey de Francia in Oceanside, Calif. Krieger introduced Craig, who accepted the society's award and plaque and then gave the plenary lecture "From Chant to Classicism: Exploring the Musical Styles of the California Missions" before the assembled membership of the society that evening.

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

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.

Events

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 the 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 or call ext. 6-2600.

Talk on Neuroscience and Ethics Set for Friday

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.

Can Science Predict Human Nature? Lecture and Discussion Friday

Stanford Law Professor Hank Greely will deliver a lecture entitled “Neuroscience: Scientific Revolutions, Social Challenges” on Friday, March 12 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Philips Hall in the Performing Art Center (Building 6, Room 124). Part of the Technology & Ethics Lecture Series, Greely will address issues including prediction, mind-reading, responsibility and consciousness.
More details about the neuroscience lecture

Cal Poly Wind Bands in Concert Saturday

The Cal Poly Wind Bands' Winter Concert, “Blue Shades and Wild Nights - The Extraordinary Music of Frank Ticheli” is set for Saturday, March 13, in the Performing Arts Center. Showtime is 8 p.m. Ticheli is a superstar among living band composers. Meet him, hear some of his most spectacular works, watch him conduct and witness the future of the wind band.

More on the Wind Band & Ensemble Concert

Feel the Blues Saturday in Spanos Theatre

Cal Poly Arts presents James "Superharp" Cotton and The James Cotton Blues Band on March 13 in Spanos Theatre. Inducted into the Smithsonian Institute in 1991 and the Blues Hall of Fame in 2006, and winner of countless W.C. Handy Blues Awards, Grammy Award-winner James “Superharp” Cotton is one of the most sought-after, hard-driving blues musicians touring today -- a true living blues legend.
More on the James Cotton Blues Band

Ricky Scaggs Brings Kentucky Thunder Bluegrass Sunday

Cal Poly Arts presents Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder in concert March 14. With shelves full of Grammy Awards and legions of bluegrass fans across the nation, Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder are bringing a toe-tappin’, foot-stompin’ hoe-down performance guaranteed to be the feel-good show of the season.
More on Kentucky Thunder

Annual Swanton Pacific Al Smith Day Railroad Run Set for April 11

Swanton Pacific Ranch and Railroad are hosting their annual Al 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 Al Smith following his passing in 1993. For more information, contact Ed Carnegie at ecarnegi@calpoly.edu or 805-995-3659. An invitation may be accessed through the Web site 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.

#101994 – Administrative Support Coordinator II, College of Engineering, Materials Engineering, $3,074-$4,615 per month. Closes: March 18, 2010.

#102006 – Administrative Coordinator, Administrative Support Coordinator II, College of Engineering, Computer Science, $3,074-$4,615 per month. Closes: March 18, 2010.

#102025 – Physician (Emphasis in Women's Health), Student Affairs, Health Services, $8,731-$14,396 per month. Anticipated hiring range: $8,731-$9,110 per month. Open until filled. Review begins March 15, 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.

#102023 – Part-time Lecturer Pool, Forestry and Natural Resources, Natural Resource Management

Department, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, ext. 6-6390. Review begins: May 17, 2010.

#102016 – Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Horticulture and Crop Sciences, Horticulture and Crop Sciences Department, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences ext. 6-1237. Review begins: June 21, 2010.

#102001 – Part-Time Lecturer Pool, BioResource and Agricultural Engineering, BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences ext. 6-2378. Review begins: June 21, 2010.

#102027 – Tenure Track Position, Assistant/Associate Professor of Sustainable Landscape Horticulture, Horticulture and Crop Science Department, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences ext. 6-1237. Review begins: April 19, 2010.

#102021 – Full-Time Lecturer Pool, Music/Associate Director of Bands, Music Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-2607. Closes: April 29, 2010.

#102029 – Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Philosophy, Philosophy Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-2042. Review begins: April 16, 2010.

#102030 – Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Philosophy/Religious Studies, Philosophy Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-2042. Review begins: April 16, 2010.

#102032 – Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Graphic Communication, Graphic Communication Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-1109. Review begins: April 16, 2010.

#102014 – Full-Time Lecturer Pool, Journalism, Journalism Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-2508. Job Close Date: April 19.

#102022 – Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Modern Languages and Literatures, Modern Languages and Literatures Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-2269. Review begins: April 16, 2010.

#102024 – Part-Time Lecturer Pool, English, English Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-5850. Review begins: April 2, 2010.

#102026 – Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Aerospace Engineering, Aerospace Engineering Department, College of Engineering ext. 6-6345. Review begins: May 10.

#102028 – Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Biomedical and General Engineering, Biomedical and General Engineering Department, College of Engineering ext. 6-6339. Review begins: June 1, 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.

There are no new openings at this time.

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 openings at this time.

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