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CSU Nisei Project Underway at Cal Poly

Cal Poly is looking for Japanese-American alumni who had their education interrupted by relocation to internment camps during World War II. Cal Poly has been identified as one of six CSU campuses that had students who were removed from their programs and interned during WWII. The California State University Board of Trustees voted unanimously in September to award Special Honorary Bachelor of Humane Letters degrees to CSU students of Japanese ancestry whose college educations were disrupted by their forced removal from the West Coast and incarceration during World War II.

[Read more about the CSU Nisei Project](#)

Photo: Cal Poly student government officers, 1941

Architecture and Environmental Design Course

Wins National Award

Faculty from Cal Poly's College of Architecture and Environmental Design were awarded a top prize for creative integration of practice and education. The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) award came with a \$7,500 prize. The competition entry was based on an interdisciplinary fourth-year studio taught by architecture faculty Tom Fowler and Jim Doerfler and architectural engineering faculty member Kevin Dong.

[Details on the award](#)

Faculty and Staff

Wanted: Your Success Stories

The world wants to know about the cool things Cal Poly people are up to. And we in Public Affairs want to let everyone know about your success. Are you doing innovative research? Creating a new way of doing something? What success are our students involved in? Any awards lately? Grants received? Book published? Special lecture given? We're interested in stories we can share with donors, prospective donors, local media, trade publications and the campus community. Tell us what you know, and don't be bashful. Say it loud, say it proud. Send your success story ideas to polynews@calpoly.edu, and we'll get the word out.

Faculty Early Retirement Program Election Deadline for 2010-11 is April 2

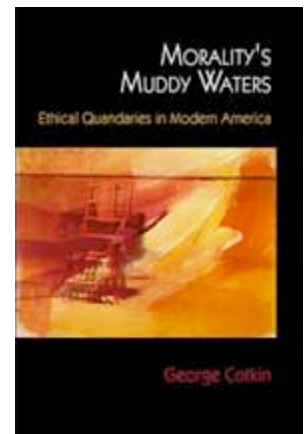
Eligible tenured faculty planning to participate in the Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP) commencing with the 2010-11 academic year are reminded that the deadline for submission of the FERP Election Form AP 154 with all required signatures is Friday, April 2. The updated form is available at <http://academic-personnel.calpoly.edu/Forms.html>. Information regarding FERP may be found in Article 29 of the faculty Unit contract at http://www.calstate.edu/laborRel/Contracts_HTML/CFA_CONTRACT/article29.shtml. Contact Academic Personnel for additional information.

Retirement Reception for Marlene Cartter Set for April 7 at Sage Restaurant

After more than 20 years of service to the campus, Marlene Cartter is retiring from her position as compliance officer for Academic Affairs. Marlene started her career in the Registrar's Office as associate registrar overseeing the records unit. She eventually supervised the Evaluations and Articulation units as well. A reception will be held in her honor Wednesday, April 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Sage Restaurant. Join us in wishing Marlene well in her new adventures. For more information, contact Debra Sherburne or Diane Dixon at ext. 6-2186.

History Professor Publishes New Book

History Professor George Cotkin's new book "Morality's Muddy Waters: Ethical Quandaries in Modern America" was recently published by University of Pennsylvania Press. In his book, Cotkin revisits several defining moments in the 20th century—the American bombing of civilians during World War II, the My Lai massacre, racism in the South, capital punishment, the invasion of Iraq. He chronicles how historical figures grappled with the problem of evil and moral responsibility—sometimes successfully, oftentimes not. In the process, he offers a wide-ranging tour of modern American history. To read more about Cotkin's book, visit <http://www.upenn.edu/pennpress/book/14724.html>.



Campus Announcements

Last Chance to Save 15 Percent on Food

There are just three short months left to dine and save 15 percent on all food purchases on campus. While furloughs are in effect, Campus Dining is offering faculty and staff 15 percent off food purchases. Use Campus Express Club for reductions at the register. For more information or to add value to an Express Club card, visit <http://www.calpolycorporation.org/express>. Program ends June 30. Don't miss out.

Sage to Host Social Hour & Special Prix Fixe Dinner Menus April 1, 3 and 12

Visit Sage Restaurant in April for appetizers, drinks and dinner before events at the Performing Arts Center. Sage will host social hour and offer special prix fixe menus April 1, 3, and 12 prior to performances at the PAC. Social hours are from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and regular dinner service is from 5 to 8 p.m. 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.

Deadline to Nominate an Outstanding Faculty Advisor for 2010 is April 5

The deadline to submit nominations for the Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award is Monday, April 5. Recognize a faculty member who has had a positive influence on students through academic advising. The winner will receive \$1,200. Faculty, staff and current students are eligible to nominate. At least one letter must come from a current student - no self-nominations. For more information, visit <http://advising.calpoly.edu/council/award/index.htm>.

Corporation Board Meeting Set for April 9

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold a regular meeting Friday, April at 8:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, 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.

Tax Deferred Savings Plans Events Set for April

Three one-hour Savings Plus Program (SPP) financial planning workshops are scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, in Building 36, Room 105. The workshops are: Enrollment from 10 to 11a.m.; Asset Allocation from 11 a.m. to noon; and Approaching Retirement from 1 to 2 p.m. The Savings Plus Program is a long-term savings program designed to supplement your retirement income. Eligible employees have two deferred compensation plans available to them: a Thrift Plan (IRC 401k) and a Deferred Compensation Plan (IRC 457). Both plans offer you convenient payroll deductions on a pre-tax basis. To be eligible to enroll in these plans you must be a State CalPERS member.

Call ext. 6-5436 to make a reservation or e-mail humanresources@calpoly.edu with "SPP Seminar" in the subject line. Detailed information regarding each workshop can be found at <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/benefits/whatsnew.html>.

Presenter Greg Sabin will be available for individual appointments on Wednesday, April 21, in Building 36, Room 105. To schedule an appointment, e-mail sabing@nationwide.com or call 1-916-324-0532.

If you are unable to attend but would like more information regarding the Savings Plus Program, e-mail spptraining2@dpa.ca.gov, call 866-566-4777 or visit www.sppforu.com.

The 403(b) TSA Program is another way CSU employees can save for retirement with pre-tax investments. A representative from Fidelity will be on campus Wednesday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Administration Building, Room 133, for individual appointments. To make a reservation visit www.fidelity.com/atwork/reservations or call 1-800-305-5852.

Representatives from Valic, ING, MetLife, and TIAA-Cref will be on campus to provide employees with information and consultations on Thursday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 36, Room 105. For more information on how to enroll in the 403(b) TSA Program visit www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/benefits.asp and select Tax Deferred Savings from the Navigation Menu. Investment selections are made with the fund sponsor, via their Web sites, and enrollments and changes are made via the online Retirement Manager.

For general information, see the Human Resources Benefits – Tax Deferred Savings page or call Benefits at ext. 6-5436.

Graphic Communication Institute Hosts Community Workshops in May

The Graphic Communication Institute will host a series of InDesign workshops the first three Saturdays in May - May 1, 8 and 15. The workshops will take place in the Graphic Arts Building, Room 220 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are \$195 each. Registration covers the cost of instruction and in-class materials. Register for all three workshops and receive a 10 percent discount. The May 1 workshop is an introduction to InDesign. On May 8 participants will learn intermediate InDesign skills and the May 15 workshop covers advanced InDesign work. Space is limited so register early.

For more information and to register, visit <http://grci.calpoly.edu/workshops/indesign.html> or call ext. 6-2053. Register in person

at Jespersen Hall, Room 101. Registrants may pay by check, money order, VISA, Master Card, American Express or Discover.

Events

Scholar Gives Talk on Improving Odds April 1

On Thursday, April 1 the Research Scholars in Residence Program will sponsor a seminar by Ted Hill on "Knowing When to Stop." For many processes in science -- and life -- there is an element of chance, and a crucial problem in improving the odds of success is often deciding when to stop. This lecture will explore the elegant and unexpected solution to the classical "Secretary Problem," along with excellent rules of thumb, counterintuitive surprises, colorful paradoxes and famous unsolved problems. The seminar begins 7 p.m. in the Kennedy Library, Room 510-B.

Los Lobos & Leo Kottke in Acoustic Concert April 1 at the PAC

Cal Poly Arts presents Los Lobos and guitarist Leo Kottke teaming up for an acoustic concert April 1 at the Cohan Center. For more than 35 years, East L.A.'s Los Lobos has redefined what a rock band should be and how rock music can sound by delivering thought-provoking lyrics and songs driven by blues, rockabilly, jazz, and Latin rhythms. Sharing the concert is multi-Grammy Award winner Leo Kottke, famous for his innovative finger-picking style, unconventional tunings on his signature 6- and 12-string guitars and a sound that is steeped in blues, jazz, and folk.

[More on Kottke & Los Lobos](#)



Catch Tony-Winning 'Bye Bye Birdie' Live in Spanos Theatre April 2-3

Get ready to put on a happy face with an all new production of the classic Tony Award-winning musical "Bye Bye Birdie." The MacAfee family (and all of Sweet Apple, Ohio) goes topsy-turvy when teen idol Conrad Birdie comes to town to serenade one lucky fan before he enters the Army. The exuberant rock 'n' roll score includes "The Telephone Hour," "Kids" and "A Lot of Livin' to Do." Kelrick Productions presents.

[Details on 'Birdie'](#)



Tomato Mania Strikes Poly Plant Shop April 2, 3

Cal Poly's Tomato Mania hits the Central Coast on April 2 and 3, with the 10th annual Tomato Mania sale at the Poly Plant Shop. Cal Poly's best and brightest students will be on hand to answer visitor questions and sell the more than 75 heirloom tomato varieties they raised on campus. Many of the "tried and true" varieties popular with Central Coast residents will be available, including the "Murray Smith," the Beefmaster and the Green Zebra.

[More on Tomato Mania](#)

U Jazz Band Swing Dance Concert is April 3 in Chumash

Bring your dance shoes and hear the University Jazz Band play a swing dance concert starting at 8 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. The public is invited to this dance concert featuring original swing-era tunes played by University Jazz Band No. 1. The dance will be from 8 to 10:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium at Cal Poly. Free swing dance lessons will be given at 7 p.m.

[More on the U Jazz Band Swing Dance Concert](#)

"Who's Line?" Live April 3

Stand up is fun, but improv can be funnier and everyone who has seen the television show knows these guys are the world's best. This evening features star alumni from "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" including the irrepressible Ryan Stiles. Bring your suggestions and you might just end up on stage in one of their hilarious improvised skits.

[More on "Whose Line" at the PAC](#)



See Opera Classic 'La Boheme' April 9 & 11

One of the most popular and romantic operas ever composed. "La Boheme" is Puccini's passionate, soulful story of two poor, young Bohemians who find a love so intense that it's unbearable to be apart, yet impossible to stay together. Fully staged with youth and adult choruses and full orchestra, this timeless classic was the inspiration for the hit Broadway musical "Rent." Showtime is 7:30 p.m. April 9 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 11 at the Christopher Cohan Center.

[Details on La Boheme](#)

Cal Poly's 13th Annual Construction Sciences Forum is April 7

The Cal Poly student chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute will host the 13th Annual Construction Science Forum from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7 on campus in the Berg Gallery, Room 105. The forum serves to educate students about the construction industry, new industry products, methods and ideas. The event provides students an opportunity to interact with industry professionals and to better understand career expectations. This year's forum is titled, "SPECulating the Future," and focuses on the future of industry specifications in the rapidly changing world of design and construction.

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.

#102019 – On Call Custodian, Pool Position, University Housing, Housing & Business Services, up to 75 positions available, temporary on-call from June 1, 2010 through Sept. 30, 2010, \$13.20-\$19.81 per hour. Open until filled. Review begins: April 8, 2010.

#102066 – University Scheduling Analyst, Administrative Analyst/Specialist-Exempt I, Academic Affairs, University Scheduling, \$3,845-\$5,770 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: April 6, 2010.

#102069 – Human Resources Benefits Analyst, Administrative Analyst/Specialist-Non-Exempt, Administration and Finance, Human Resources, \$3,245-\$5,193 per month. Closes: April 9, 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 at this time.

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.

Assistant Supervisor - Campus Dining, \$10.54-\$12.91 per hour, 10-month position. Requires high school degree or equivalent and two years food service experience in a high-volume fast food type business. One year in a supervisory position and coffeehouse environment preferred. Knowledge of proper cash handling procedures, food handling and display, sanitation and customer service required. Must be able to work evenings and weekends.

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.

Facility Scheduling Manager, \$19.02 per hour. Open until filled. Review begins: April 9, 2010.

Rose Float Technician, temporary, \$18 per hour, part-time. Open until filled. Review begins: April 2, 2010.

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