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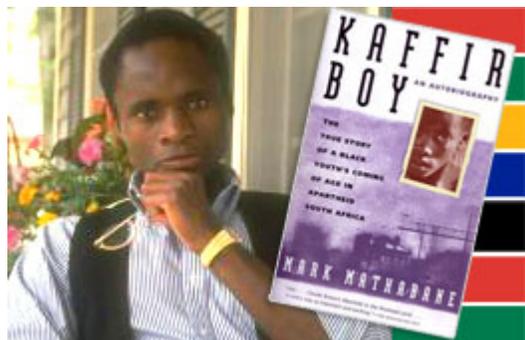
Cal Poly Report - Oct. 20, 2010

News

Gen. Stanley McChrystal to Speak at Cal Poly Dec. 2

Retired Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, a pivotal leader in U.S. military operations in Afghanistan from 2002 to 2009, will appear as part of Cal Poly Arts' lecture series Thursday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center at Cal Poly. McChrystal, a four-star general, will speak on America's global role and its security issues in a lecture titled "The State of International Affairs and the Security Challenges Facing America."

[More on the McChrystal event](#)



'Kaffir Boy' Author Mathabane to Speak Oct. 21 - Book is Target of Local Banning

South African writer Mark Mathabane will speak Oct. 21 at Cal Poly about his 1986 autobiography "Kaffir Boy," a frequently banned book that depicts the horrors of his childhood amid the apartheid of South Africa. After recent parent complaints to San Luis Obispo High School over the book being taught in honors history classes, a school board member contacted the author and worked with the high school and Cal Poly to arrange Mathabane's visit.

[More on Mathabane's talk](#)

Heirloom Seed Pioneer to Speak at Benefit Dinner for Cal Poly Sustainable Agriculture Saturday

UC Davis Professor and heirloom seed pioneer Howard Shapiro will be the featured guest speaker at the sixth annual "Taste of the Future" benefit dinner for Cal Poly's sustainable agriculture center on Saturday, Oct. 23 at Hearst Ranch. Guests will enjoy an "Afternoon at the Ranch," with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception followed by a live auction and gourmet dinner featuring Central Coast chefs and vintners. All ingredients will be locally grown and sustainably raised.

[More on the fundraiser](#)



Faculty and Staff

Deadline for State Faculty Support Grant Proposals

The State Faculty Support Grant program supports research, scholarship, and creative activities that help faculty remain current in their disciplines and contribute new knowledge. The intent of the program is strengthening California socially, culturally, and

economically. The deadline for faculty to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants and assigned time for the 2011-12 year is Jan. 21, 2011. For guidelines and an application form, visit the Research and [Graduate Programs web site](#) or call the RGP office at ext. 6-1508.

Three 'Savings Plus' Program Financial Planning Workshops Set for Oct. 28

The Savings Plus program is a long-term savings program designed to supplement employee retirement income. There are two deferred compensation plans available for eligible employees: a Thrift Plan (IRC 401k) and a Deferred Compensation Plan (IRC 457). Both plans offer convenient payroll deductions on a pre-tax basis. To be eligible to enroll in these plans employees must be a state CalPERS member. Three one-hour financial planning workshops on the Savings Plus program are set for Thursday, Oct. 28, in Building 36, Room 105.

10 a.m. - Planning Your Financial Future

For those who do not currently contribute to the Savings Plus Program, come to this seminar to learn how tax deferred savings will help you reach your retirement goals. This presentation demonstrates the benefits of saving for retirement, the advantage of tax-deferred savings, and how to enroll in Savings Plus Program.

11 a.m. - Asset Allocation

For many already enrolled or planning to enroll in the Savings Plus Program, the question becomes "Where do I put my money?" This seminar focuses on asset allocation and how to choose an investment strategy that best fits individual time horizons and risk tolerance.

1 p.m. - Approaching Retirement

For those nearing retirement, this class focuses on how to maximize contributions during the final years of employment, how to manage money in retirement and how to calculate retirement income needs.

Those who are unable to attend but would like more information regarding the Savings Plus program can email sptraining2@dpa.ca.gov, call 866-566-4777 or visit the [Savings Plus Program web site](#).

Retirement Reception for Lynne Nagahara is Oct. 28

Lynne Nagahara is retiring after 31 years of service to Cal Poly. The Liberal Studies Department invites the campus community to a reception in her honor Thursday, Oct. 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Fisher Science, Room 285. Nagahara began her Cal Poly career in the Office of Academic Records fall 1979, became the evaluator for the College of Liberal Arts in 2000 and has been serving as the ASC for Liberal Studies since 2005. Please join us as we honor Lynne.

Campus Announcements

National Cyber Security Awareness Open Forum is Today

Celebrate National Cyber Security Awareness Month and learn how to protect your computers and data. The next Information Security Open Forum will be from 10 to 11a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 in UU 220. Forum topics include: New IT security standards and information security audit updates; settings to secure your wireless router at home; and personal firewall protection.

Women's Programs and Services Hosting Luncheon at the PAC Tomorrow

The Women's Programs and Services Department invites the campus community to a luncheon and discussion on issues facing women. The luncheon and networking session is set for Thursday, Oct. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center

lobby. Discussion panelists are Christina Firpo of the History Department; Joan Kennedy, president of the CSUEU; Camille O'Bryant, department chair for Kinesiology; and Faith Minimaugh, Cal Poly Women's Basketball coach.

Corporation Board Meeting Set for Oct. 29

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold a regular meeting on Friday, Oct. 29 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 at ext 6-1131.

Carnegie Mellon Prof Speaking at Open Learning Initiative Webinar Friday

The Kennedy Library and the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) will host a webinar and conversation with Candace Thille, director of the Open Learning Initiative at Carnegie Mellon University, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Friday Oct. 22, in the CTL classroom (35-510B). The webinar is open to interested faculty and staff and will introduce ideas for using Open Education Resources in teaching, learning or research. As part of Open Access Week 2010, the webinar explores the benefits of open access and open educational resources in teaching and learning. Visit the [Open Learning Initiative web page](#) or the [Open Access Week web page](#) for more information.

Career Services to Host Grad School Week Oct. 25 – 28

Open to all students, faculty and staff, Grad School Week activities include: panel discussion focused on how to get into grad school; workshops on various graduate school-related topics; and free practice entrance exams. Representatives from various campuses will host information tables in the UU. To learn more, visit: http://www.careerservices.calpoly.edu/students/job_fairs/grad_school.htm.

Provost and Registrar Offices to Hold Forums on Policy Revisions

The Offices of the Provost and Registrar will hold several follow-up forums to discuss, in detail, the new and revised policies announced Sept. 30. Faculty, academic department staff, and college advisers are encouraged to attend all four of these sessions, as each one will address a different policy.

- **"Change of Major"** is set for Friday, Oct. 22 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Phillips Hall. The Change of Major policy and procedure is taking on a new look. Join us to learn about the new requirements and to see how technology will enhance this process for both you and the students.

- **"Academic Probation/Disqualification (AP/DQ)"** is set for Friday, Oct. 29 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Phillips Hall. A cleaner, more refined AP/DQ policy has been created. Join us to learn about this revised policy and how it will affect students.

- **"Prerequisite Project"** is set for Thursday, Oct. 28 from 11 a.m. to noon in UU 220, or Friday, Nov. 5 from 9 to 10 a.m. in UU 220. Plan to attend one session and learn about the Prerequisite Project, an initiative approach to support student success in the courses in which they enroll. The project is being implemented in two phases and will result in course requirements being consistently enforced in the system during registration. In addition to a general overview of the project, some of the more detailed logistics will be discussed concerning what happens when a student tries to enroll in a course for which they do not meet requirements.

Foundation Board Meeting Set for Nov. 6

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its meeting, which is open to the public, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Performing Arts Center. For more information about the meeting or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call the Cal Poly

Foundation office at ext. 6-1445.

Applications Available For Faculty-Led Programs

International Education and Programs invites faculty to apply to teach for the Winter 2012 Australia Study Program, the Spring 2012 Thai Study Program, and the Summer 2012 London Study and Summer 2012 Peru Study programs. Applications are available on the [International Education and Programs web site](#). The application submission deadline is Dec. 1.

Get Your Green On!

A groundswell of spirit is bubbling up at Cal Poly. The Mustang Maniacs, with support from Athletics and El Corral Bookstore, are urging students, faculty and staff to **Get Your Green On!** every Thursday. The goal is to celebrate Cal Poly's rich traditions, support all our student-athletes and show our pride for Cal Poly. We want to SEE a SEA of Green every Thursday and at every athletics event! Visit the [Cal Poly Spirit Page](#), and stay tuned for more spirit events.



Bella Montana, A Faculty and Staff Housing Community

Visit the Bella Montana Homes [web site](#) for available homes for sale or rent.

Have Lunch Delivered

If you don't have time to get out of the office for lunch, Sandwich Factory can deliver a customized sandwich and other lunch favorites to your office or meeting room on campus. The delivery service is free and orders need to be placed by 10 a.m. Monday-Friday. Fill out and fax a completed [Lunch Delivery Order Form](#) or call Sandwich Factory at ext. 6-5950 to place an order.

<http://www.calpolycorporation.com/campusdining/sandwichfactory.asp>

Dine and Save all Month with Campus Express – 10 percent Savings at Sage Restaurant

The Dine and Save program offers Campus Express Club members the chance to save money at different restaurants and markets throughout the year. Visit the [web site](#) each month to find out how you can save with Campus Express. October savings offer: Receive 10 percent off meals at Sage Restaurant. Offer expires Oct. 31. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Open for lunch Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner Monday-Saturday 5 to 8 p.m. www.sagerestaurantslo.com

Events

Taj Mahal Brings World Music Concert Tonight

In a blazing fusion of sizzling world music and cool dynamic blues, the Grammy Award-winning roots legend Taj Mahal pairs up with rising star Vieux Farka Touré from Mali. The two perform in a collaboration of multi-instrumental mastery and vocal brilliance. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 in the Cohan Center. Details on Taj Mahal at www.calpolyarts.org



CLA to Host Lisa Taraki Oct. 29

The College of Liberal Arts and the History Department will host a public lecture by Lisa Taraki, an associate professor of sociology and former dean of Graduate Studies at Birzeit University, Ramallah, Palestine. The free and open event takes place Friday, Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Phillips Hall of the Performing Arts Center and is titled "Education in Palestine: Past, Present and Future." Taraki is a member of the Board of Directors of Al-Haq, an independent Palestinian non-governmental human rights organization based in Ramallah. Her research and publications have focused on the Palestinian national movement, Islamist politics, gender relations in the Middle

East and Palestine, urban social history, and the system of informal justice in Palestine. For more information, contact the History Department at ext. 6-2068 or Manzar Foroohar at ext. 6-2068.

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.

#102188 – Assistant Director of Advancement, Administrator I, CAED, Advancement, salary is commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 12, 2010.

#102189 – Assistant to the Dean, Administrative Analyst/Specialist, Exempt I, Library, Administration, \$3,845 – \$5,770 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 1, 2010.

#102190 – Graphic Designer III, University Advancement, Public Affairs, \$4,050 - \$6,075 per month, hiring range: \$4,050 – \$4,583 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 29, 2010.

Executive Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment website at <http://calpolyjobs.org> to view detailed information about the following vacancies, and to complete the management application to apply for the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application. For assistance, call Academic Personnel at ext. 6-6570.

#102185 – Interim Chief of Staff, President's Office (internal search open to current Cal Poly employees only), Administrator III, Office of the President, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 1, 2010.

#102181 – Vice President for University Advancement, Administrator IV, University Advancement, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 22, 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.

#102178 – Tenure Track Position, Nutrition and/or Immunology of Poultry, Animal Science Department, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences ext. 6-1241. Review begins: Nov. 22, 2010.

#102159 – Assistant Professor, Contemporary European Philosophy, Philosophy Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-2041. Closes: Dec. 5, 2010

#102144 – Tenure Track Position, School of Education, School of Education Department, College of Science and Mathematics ext. 6-5144. Review begins: Nov. 29, 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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