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News

Professor in Antarctica for Penguin Research

Cal Poly's Marine Biology Professor Mark Moline and Senior Researcher Ian Robbins are in Antarctica through Mid-February. They are documenting how ocean warming off Antarctica is impacting the feeding grounds of Adélie Penguins. The project is part of a National Science Foundation grant. Robbins is blogging and posting photos from "tomorrow" in Antarctica — across the international dateline from Cal Poly and California.

Read Robbins' 'Remote Adventures' Blog

Read more about the NSF grant for the project

Go to the Cal Poly Center for Coastal Marine Science web

Faculty and Staff

Retirement Reception for Jana Favalora on Jan. 27

The Department of Art and Design invites the campus community to a reception honoring Jana Favalora from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, in the University Art Gallery (34-171). During her 26 years of service, Favalora has served in several academic departments and a dean's office, promoting from an entry-level clerical position to a budget analyst within the colleges of agriculture, engineering, business and liberal arts.

Please join us in thanking Jana for her service to Cal Poly and wishing her well in her new endeavors.

Memorial for William "Memo" Martinez is Feb. 5

A Celebration of Life for William "Memo" Martinez, Professor and Chair, Modern Languages and Literatures Department will be held on Saturday, Feb. 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Business Rotunda . A dessert reception will follow. For more information, visit http://cla.calpoly.edu/cla_memomartinez.html or contact the Modern Languages and Literatures Department at ext. 6-1205.

Two Open Forums for Assistant Vice Provost

The Office of the Provost will conduct on-campus interviews for the position of assistant vice provost for university advising. This position has been specifically designed to support and coordinate all advising and student success initiatives on campus, in order to provide a better and more consistent advising experience for our students.

The campus community is invited and encouraged to attend the open forums being held by each candidate. Ccandidates wil make a 15-20 minute presentation on the topic of "The Importance of Effective Advising," followed by Q&A. Dates and times of the open forums are:

Friday, Feb. 4, 9 to 10 a.m. UU220
Michelle Kempke Eppler, assistant vice president for Student Engagement/Dean of Students, Bellevue University

Friday, Feb. 11, 9 to 10 a.m. UU220
Carter Hammett-McGarry, director of General Education, Appalachian State University

Please submit your feedback to Cem Sunata , chair of the search committee, at csunata@calpoly.edu

Reception for Interim President Robert Glidden is Jan. 27

A reception for Interim President Robert Glidden will be held from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 in the lobby of the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center. The campus community is invited to join Provost Robert D. Koob in thanking Glidden for his leadership and contributions to the university. For more information, contact the Office of the Provost at ext. 6-2186.

Fulbright Scholar Awards Cycle Begins Feb. 1

The 2011-12 cycle for faculty interested in Fulbright Scholar Awards opens Feb. 1. In this challenging economic climate, Fulbright awards provide a way to support faculty growth and development and broaden the international perspective of the campus. More than 800 awards in 125 countries are available. Since 1946, close to 300,000 scholars have participated in this flagship international exchange program sponsored by the US Government, including 18 current Cal Poly faculty from 14 different departments and units on campus. Visit the Fulbright Scholars website for the Catalog of Awards, or contact the Cal Poly Fulbright coordinator Ray Zeuschner at rzeuschn@calpoly.edu.

Service Awards Luncheon Tickets on Sale Feb. 1

Tickets for the Service Awards Luncheon will be sold Feb. 1-26 and are $10. Make checks payable to “Cal Poly Corporation.”

State, Corporation, and ASI employees with milestone service anniversaries in 2010 will be honored at the Service Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, March 9 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

To purchase tickets, contact Tracy Watson, ext 6-1292, Geri Bolivar, ext. 6-2321, Cheryl May, ext. 6-5785, Colleen Rodriguez, ext. 6-2606, Jeanne Secrest, ext.6-1122. Tickets will be taken at the door to ensure seating for all ticket holders.

Nominations Sought for Student Employee Award

Faculty and staff members can show their appreciation for student employees by nominating them for the university's 2010/2011 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year (OSEY) award. Nominees must have completed at least six (6) months part-time student employment during the academic year, June 21, 2010 to June 12, 2011. Eligible candidates include State, ASI and CP Corporation student employees. Nominees can be Federal Work-Study and non-Federal Work-Study students.

Cal Poly’s 2010/11 Outstanding Student Employee will be announced in April. The winner is entered into the state competition and may go on to the regional and national competitions. The national winner is announced National Student Employment Week during the second week of April. Print the 2010/11 OSEY nomination form and return to the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, or email your nomination form to vpsa@calpoly.edu by Wednesday, Feb. 9.

Survey on Environmental Attitudes and Behavior

Professor Shawn Burn of the Psychology and Child Development Department is conducting a study to examine why people may or may not perform behaviors believed to reduce environmental impacts. The study includes an online survey and results of Burn’s study

will be used to inform efforts to increase sustainability behavior. The online survey is anonymous and takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. Visit http://surveymonkey.com/s/M986NDR to complete the survey.

Campus Announcements

Graphic Arts Workshops for Everyone in January and March

Register now for four information-packed graphic communication workshops: Beyond Snapshots - Taking Photography to the Next Level (NEW); Photoshop - Basic Production for Web and Print; InDesign CS5 Jumpstart; and Deconstructing Web Pages. Cal Poly employee and multi-workshop discounts available. For more information, visit GrCI's web site or send e-mail to lsing@calpoly.edu.

Three Employment Equity Facilitator Training Workshops Available

The Office of Employment Equity will offer EEF Training from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25; 11a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10; and 9:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, March 4 in Fisher Science, Room 290. Martha Cody, director of Employment Equity, will lead the training. Carolyn Johnson from Academic Personnel and Rhiannon Ricketts from Human Resources will be available to answer questions about faculty and staff recruitment. To enroll in the training, contact Sumi Seacat at ext. 6-7387 or sseacat@calpoly.edu.

Talk by Holocaust Survior Judy Meisel is Jan. 26.

A documentary and presentation by Holocaust Survivor and acclaimed speaker Judy Meisel is set for Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Graphic Arts Building, Room 103. For more information, contact nsperlin@calpoly.edu.

Corporation Board of Directors Meeting is Jan. 28

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold a regular meeting Friday, Jan. 28, at 8:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Conference Room 124. This is a public meeting. For further information about this meeting or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Bonnie Murphy at ext. 6-1131.

Cancer Talk is Topic of Science Cafe Set for Jan. 28

Cal Poly Science Cafe presents The Big C: Cancer in the 21st Century with Elena Keeling, professor of Biological Sciences, and Jane Lehr, professor of Biological Sciences, at 1:30 pm Friday, Jan. 28, in the Cafe lounge of the Robert E. Kennedy Library. Science Café events are free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

Cancer is everywhere, and almost everyone has experienced cancer on a personal level. Join community and faculty experts to share basic information and images about the biology of cancer, its context, and its social and environmental causes in the 21st century. Facilitated and informal conversation will stimulate written and verbal questions to be addressed through the Café discussion.

Talk on the Giant Panda Set for Jan. 31

E. Elena Songster, assistant professor of history at St. Mary's College of California, will give a presentation Monday, Jan. 31, from 2:10 to 3:30 p.m. in the right wing of Chumash Auditorium titled, "The People's Panda: China's Response to the World's Popular Fascination with the Giant Panda."

The talk explores the history of this unique animal's preservation; its rise to national and global iconic status; the dynamic relationship between the Chinese government and the giant panda; and the power of the panda's popularity. The talk is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, the History Department, and the Asian Studies Minor.

Foundation Board Meeting is Feb. 8

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its board meeting, which is open to the public, beginning at noon Tuesday, Feb.

8, at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento. For more information about the meeting, or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call the Cal Poly Foundation office at ext. 6-1445.

Career Services to Host Lunchtime Conversations Set for Feb.

Faculty, staff and students are invited to join Career Services for the following lunchtime conversations. Free lunch will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. All discussions are 11 a.m. to noon at Career Services, Room 117. Sponsored by Lockheed Martin & Fluor.

Tuesday, Feb. 1 - Integrity in the Workplace; Tuesday, Feb. 8 - An Employer Perspective: How to Stand Out; Tuesday, Feb. 15 - Employer Benefits 101; Tuesday, Feb. 22 - Job Search Survival Post-Poly.

Statistical Consulting Service Available to Campus Through March 11

The Statistics Department will provide statistical consulting services to the campus community through March 11. The intent is to provide support to faculty, staff and students on projects and research. Consulting is under way.

Karen McGaughey and John Walker serve as the main consultants. They are available to advise on data collection, experimenatla design, and analysis of research projects. They are also available to lead seminars or tutorials on requested topics and offer advice on various computer packages currently available at Cal Poly. Lectures may also be available to groups with special areas of statistcal inference. For more information, scheduling or to make an appointment, visit the Consulting Services web site.

MSDS is Now Online

Departments are reminded that each area is responsible to maintain Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all hazardous materials used in their operations. The sheets provide information on dangerous properties, recommended personal protective equipment, storage requirements, emergency response procedures and many other important items. Cal OSHA requires MSDS to be readily available to employees who may use or be exposed to hazardous materials. To assist departmentsand support ongoing campus sustainability initiatives, the Environmental Health & Safety Office subscribes to an online MSDS database service, which can be accessed and used by everyone on campus. The system, called MSDSOnline, can replace virtually all paper copies of MSDS currently being used.

The link to MSDSOnline can be found on the EH&S website. EH&S can also provide a brief, on-site training session for individual departments. This MSDS “tailgate” training session typically takes 15 to 30 minutes in a meeting room or smart room and will satisfy one half hour of mandated, yearly safety training. Managers and supervisors should contact Tom Featherstone at ext. 6-6661 to arrange a session.

Bella Montana, a Faculty and Staff Housing Community

Visit the Bella Montana Homes web site for available homes for sale.

Poly Deals has Discounts

Looking for ways to save? Want 10 percent off your next meal or $1 off your favorite smoothie? Visit the Poly Deals page to view the “Deals Dashboard” for endless savings on food. Text “POLYDEALS” to 64842 and get a text coupon for $1 a smoothie or juice at Lucy’s until Jan. 28.

Sage Restaurant Closed for Lunch Feb. 2

Sage Restaurant will be closed during lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 2 for a private party. The restaurant will re-open for dinner at 5 p.m.

To view a list of food venues on campus, visit our website.

Events

Pilipino Cultural Exchange Club Sponsoring Hula Classes Jan. 11- March 8

The Cal Poly Pilipino Cultural Exchange Club is sponsoring hula classes Jan. 11 through March 8. Beginning hula classes will be held Tuesday evenings from 6:10 – 7:10 p.m. in the Architecture Building (Bldg. 5), Room 225. Dance experience is not required. Classes are open to the public and to both men and women. Participants can register at the class and should wear comfortable clothing.
More about the hula class

2011 International Printing Week Program Jan. 25-28

Cal Poly's Graphic Communication Department has announced the lineup for its 2011 International Printing Week, set for Jan. 25-28. The theme of the four-day event is "Graphic Communication – The Production of Knowledge." The program will include seminars by industry leaders, laboratory dedications, demonstrations, a career fair, a banquet and the department's winter advisory board meeting. All seminars and demonstrations are conducted on campus. Industry members are invited to attend the seminars.
More on the International Printing Week Program

What's a Freegan? Find out Jan. 27

Documentarist Jeremy Seifert is an experienced dumpster diver. Come see Seifert explain his documentary DIVE! on Jan. 27 at VG Café at 7:30 a.m. and again at 10 a.m. at the UU Student Sessiand how he was able to salvage thousands of dollars worth of edible food from a local grocery store's dumpster. In his multi award-winning documentary full of entertainment, guerilla journalism and a call to action, Seifert asks the question, why is so much edible food wasted and thrown away behind hundreds of grocery stores across the country every night? DIVE! follows filmmaker Seifert and his friends as they dumpster dive in the back alleys and gated garbage receptacles of Los Angeles' supermarkets in an effort to show the amount of food thrown away.
More details on Seifert

Make a 'Shift' With Orchesis Dancers in Annual Concert Jan. 28-30 and Feb. 3-5

Come see inspiring choreography and dance from Cal Poly professors and students in the annual concert of the university's dance troupe, Orchesis. This year's Orchesis performances are set for Jan. 28-30 and Feb. 3-5.
Details on Orchesis Dancers

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Rotary Arts Honors Jan. 29

The Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo is celebrating the performing arts by hosting the first annual San Luis Obispo County Performing Arts Honors on January 29, 2011 at 8:00 pm at the Christopher Cohan Center at Cal Poly. Winners will be honored in dance, director, drama, instrumental and vocal. Performances and demonstrations of each honorees' category will be given by local performance groups and individuals.

More information on Rotary Arts Honors

Rock Musical 'Spring Awakening,' Plays in Cohan Center Jan. 30

Cal Poly Arts presents "Spring Awakening" Sunday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. in the Cohan Center. Winner of eight Tony Awards, this landmark musical explores the coming-of-age journey from adolescence to adulthood with poignancy and passion. An electrifying fusion of morality, sexuality, and rock and roll, Spring Awakening is the powerful musical celebration of youth and rebellion that has exhilarated audiences across the nation. (Contains Adult content, language, and brief nudity.)

Details on Spring Awakening at www.calpolyarts.org

Talk on Panda's Uniqueness, Preservation and More Jan. 31

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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.

#102232 – Administrative Assistant, Administrative Support Assistant II - 11/12, College of Liberal Arts, English, $2,296 - $3,445 per month, hiring range: $2,296 - $2,526 per month. Closes: Feb. 6, 2011.

#102233 – Programming Associate, Analyst/Programmer, Career, Academic Affairs, Technical Services, $4,314 - $8,831 per month, hiring range: $4,314 - $4,745 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Feb. 4, 2011.

#102238 – Administrative Support Coordinator I, College of Science and Mathematics, Kinesiology, temporary full-time, one year position, $2,808 - $4,212 per month. Closes: Feb. 4, 2011

#102243 – Administrative Coordinator, Administrative Support Coordinator II, Student Affairs, Administration, $3,074 - $4,615 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Feb. 4, 2011.

Executive Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment web site 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.

#102203 – Dean, College of Engineering, Administrator IV, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Jan. 12, 2011.

#102191 – Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Administrator III, Intercollegiate Athletics, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Dec. 3, 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.

#102226 - Full Time Lecturer, Sociology, Sociology Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-1108. Closes: March 31, 2011.

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. To view job postings and/or apply for any regular-benefited position at Cal Poly Corporation, please visit our web site. For assistance contact Human Resources at ext. 6-1121.

Program Coordinator/Academic Advisor - Student Support Services, $42,224 per year, bachelor's degree and two years student services experience or master's degree and one year experience with academic and/or personal counseling/advising with multi-cultural, low-income, disabled, and first generation college-bound and/or college students.

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 opportunities at this time.

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