



Cal Poly Report - April 27, 2011

News

Society of Civil Engineers Wins National Award for Third Consecutive Year

For the third year in a row, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) honored Cal Poly with the prestigious Robert Ridgway Award given to the most outstanding chapter out of the 280 student groups across the country. This is the fifth time that ASCE has recognized Cal Poly with this award. The award is based on a review of the student chapter's service and activities during the previous year. Cal Poly's 100-page annual report summarized community outreach events and professional activities completed in 2010, including hosting the ASCE National Concrete Canoe Competition (NCCC) which was supported by more than 60 student volunteers.

[More on the award](#)

Faculty and Staff

Faculty Survey of Student Engagement Underway

Faculty members are asked to take the "Faculty Survey of Student Engagement" (FSSE) to answer questions about student engagement at Cal Poly from their perspective. The survey is administered every three years and accompanies a student version that is also underway. Responses are anonymous and confidential, and the survey should only take 15-20 minutes to complete. Don't miss this opportunity to speak your mind and provide valuable information to help improve the quality of our students' educational experiences. Questions? Contact Brent Goodman, Institutional Planning & Analysis at bgoodman@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2204. For more information about FSSE, visit <http://fsse.iub.edu/>.

Poly Trekker Registration is Underway

Registration for Poly Trekkers Summer Program 2011 is now underway at the Orfalea Family & ASI Children's Center located on the Cal Poly Campus. This exciting and adventurous program is specifically for school-aged children who have completed kindergarten through the fourth grade (approximately six to ten years old). The program runs from June 20 to Aug. 19 (closed Monday, July 4). Optional care will be offered on Aug. 22 and 23rd. The program is offered Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For the first time this year, parents are able to sign their children up for individual one-week sessions for \$225 per session by June 10 and \$250.00 on or after June 20. The full nine-week program option is available before summer starts at a discounted price of \$1,950. This is a pre-paid first come, first served program that fills up quickly due to its popularity. Poly Trekkers includes a highly qualified staff with a superior ratio of one adult to every eight to 10 children. A nutritious breakfast, lunch and snacks are included in the program fees. The children participate in art, crafts, recreational games, field trips and fun. For more information or to register, contact the Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center at ext. 6-1267.

Campus Announcements

Alumni Association Seeks Nominations for Service and Leadership Awards

The Cal Poly Alumni Association is currently seeking nominations for The Distinguished Service Award and the Sandra Gardebring Ogren Leadership Award. The Distinguished Service Award is for a Cal Poly alumna(e) who has distinguished themselves with the Cal Poly Alumni Association through their service to Cal Poly and/or the CPAA. Download the DSA nomination form in [PDF](#) or [Word](#) format.

The Sandra Gardebring Ogren Leadership Award is awarded annually, or as deemed appropriate to an individual who is an accomplished leader in life and an indispensable supporter of Cal Poly. Download the Leadership nomination form in [PDF](#) or [Word](#) format.

Cal Poly to Move from Blackboard to Moodle by Spring 2012

Information Technology Services is excited to announce that Cal Poly will adopt Moodle as its centrally supported learning management system beginning in spring 2012. ITS will support both Moodle and Blackboard during a transition period beginning in Fall 2011 with the expectation that Blackboard will no longer be available as of spring 2012.

Over the past year, ITS consulted with faculty and student advisory committees and conducted Moodle evaluation pilots with faculty and students. At the same time, ITS assessed Moodle technically and contacted other universities which are using Moodle. The response to Moodle has been overwhelmingly positive. Moodle will provide Cal Poly faculty and students with comparable features to Blackboard, within a more flexible and customizable system. Moodle also enables the cost effective integration of additional modules, such as ePortfolios and mobile access, which support the academic goals of the university.

More details are available at http://blackboardsupport.calpoly.edu/content/about/LMS_FAQ.html

Information Security Open Forum is Today

Have you recently received email notifications associated with the Epsilon breach informing you that your name and/or email address may have been accessed by unauthorized personnel? If so, do you know what you should be aware of next?

The next Information Security Open Forum will be held Wednesday, April 27 from 11 a.m. to noon in UU 220. Find out how to identify phishing email messages, along with best practices and safety tips when using the Internet.

Deadline for Nominations for the 25th Annual President's Community Service Awards is Friday

The President's Community Service Awards are set for Tuesday, May 17 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the University House. There will be live music and refreshments. The awards are presented to students, faculty and staff for their contributions to the quality of life in San Luis Obispo and their spirit of civic engagement. Awards are given to highlight specific achievements in service. The awards are selected on the basis of the written nomination by a panel of faculty, staff and students. President Armstrong personally recognizes award recipients for their efforts.

Each award category is designed to highlight specific achievements in service. The awards are competitive and selected on the basis of the written nomination by a panel of faculty, staff and students. Visit the [Student Life and Leadership web site](#) to submit nominations. Deadline to submit a nomination is Friday, April 29. For more information, contact Stacy Tabuena at stabuena@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-5883.

Contracts Procurement & Risk Management Open Forum is May 4

The Contracts, Procurement, & Risk Management open forum is set for Wednesday, May 4 at 10 a.m. in the Chumash Auditorium. Topics for the forum include: CFS Implementation; Buyer Commodity Changes; New Copier Contract Questions. All departments are encouraged to attend. RSVP to purchasing@calpoly.edu. For questions, contact Jeanette Paolucci at ext. 6-2234 or jepaoluc@calpoly.edu.

Deadline to Sign Up for Women in Ag and Natural Resources Careers Luncheon is May 6

Career Services will host the Women in Agriculture and Natural Resources Careers Speakers Panel and Luncheon on Friday, May 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Lobby.

A panel of female professionals representing a range of career paths within agriculture and natural resources will share their advice and insight with the audience. This discussion will be followed by an informal networking luncheon, where students will have an opportunity to interact with the panelists while enjoying a complimentary buffet lunch.

Panelists include: Tonya Antle, Vice President of Organic Sales - retired, Earthbound Farm; Peggy Biltz, CEO, Dairy Council of California; Mica Heilmann, Soil and Agricultural Scientist, NewFields Agricultural & Environmental Resources; Kris O'Connor, Executive Director, Central Coast Vineyard Team; Celeste Settrini, President, California Women for Agriculture; and Sarah Spann, Senior Project Manager, Padre Associates, Inc. RSVP no later than May 6. Complete the online registration form on the [Career Services web site](#).

Cal Poly Foundation Board to Meet on May 7

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its next board meeting, which is open to the public, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Bonderson Projects 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.

Kennedy Library Hosts Conversations with Cal Poly Authors May 13

Robert E. Kennedy Library continues the new public engagement program, Conversations with Cal Poly Authors, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 13, in Room 111H on the first floor of the library across from the Research Help Desk.

Each year, members of the Cal Poly community publish significant creative and scholarly books. The library is celebrating these achievements while fostering cross-college and cross-disciplinary reflection, by hosting this ongoing series of informal conversations inspired by recent Cal Poly authors' work.

The topic of conversation for this event is Professor Andrew Morris' book, "Colonial Project, National Game: A History of Baseball in Taiwan," published in 2010 by the University of California Press. Morris will give an informal talk about the book's themes and his writing process, followed by conversation with Don Choi, associate professor of architecture, and John McKinstry, professor of sociology, as well as Q&A with other attendees. For more information, visit the [Conversations with Cal Poly Authors web site](#), or contact Eileen Akin at eakin@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-6246.

Provost's Leadership Award for Partnership in Philanthropy

Nominations are being accepted for the Provost's Leadership Award for Partnership in Philanthropy, which recognizes a current or former faculty member's superior achievement in fundraising. The award recipient will be recognized at the 2011 Fall Conference. Faculty, staff and current students are eligible to submit nominations. The nomination form is available at: <http://www.academicaffairs.calpoly.edu/provost/ProvostLIPAward.html>

Nominations should be submitted to Eileen Amaral, University Advancement, Heron Hall, Room 206 no later than 5 p.m. on June 17. Electronic submissions can be emailed to eamaral@calpoly.edu. For more information, please contact Eileen Amaral at ext. 6-1590. View the list of [past recipients](#).

Poly Escapes Offers Outdoor Gear Rentals

Poly Escapes is the best place to find the highest quality outdoor gear at the lowest prices. Available equipment includes respected brands such as Sierra Designs, Kelty and Osprey. Poly Escapes has what you need for all types of adventures. Poly Escapes is located on the first floor of the University Union. Check out a full gear list, including pricing, at asi.calpoly.edu. Take advantage of the beautiful spring weather and organize a trip today.

Julian's Patisserie Celebrates 25 Years of Service at Cal Poly

For the past 25 years, Julian's has been serving delicious coffee drinks and sweet treats to thousands of Cal Poly customers. To celebrate this milestone and thank their dedicated customers, they are rolling back the price of drip coffee to 1986 prices all week, from April 25 until May 1st. Julian's will also host a free cake and coffee reception on Thursday, April 28 at 3 p.m., at Julian's. All are welcome to attend. Come celebrate with us on the 2nd floor of the Kennedy Library.

Free Combo Meal Text Coupon for the New Mobile Food Carts - Rolling up to a Curb Near You

You won't have to go too far to get some spicy chicken curry soup and \$3 combo meals. The new Street Eats and Soup Stop Food Carts may be rolling up to your office! This week, find both carts at Dexter Lawn, Tuesday-Thursday, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Text "DEALS" to 64842 to download a coupon for one free combo meal at Street Eats or Soup Stop when you purchase another combo meal at equal value. Show the text coupon from your phone for redemption. Menus and locations at www.twitter.com/cpmobilefood.

The Rename BackStage Pizza Contest - Win Free Lunch Every Day Next Year

BackStage Pizza needs a new name to reflect all their great improvements and we want the Cal Poly Community to name it. Whip those creative skills into shape and send in your best name ideas to renamebackstage@calpoly.edu by May 13. The incentive? Free lunch Every Day next year at your newly named pizza place, worth \$1,480. That should get your pizza sauces flowing. More about the contest & rules at www.calpolydining.com/backstagepizza.

Bella Montana, a Faculty and Staff Housing Community

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

Passings

Professor Robert Huot

Retired Cal Poly professor Robert J. Huot, 88, passed away March 18, at a local care center. Huot joined the English Department in 1963 and taught there for 30 years. No stranger to controversy, he developed and taught Cal Poly's first course in the emerging field then known as Black American Literature. Later, he devoted himself to Medieval Literature and the History of the English Language. Colleagues and students alike will remember his passion for teaching and his delight in vigorous discussion on any topic. In the words of Geoffrey Chaucer, "gladly would he learn, and gladly teach."

[Read the obituary in the Tribune](#)

Events

CLA Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series to Feature Michela O'Connor Abrams

Michela O'Connor Abrams (Journalism 1980), president of Dwell Media LLC, is the featured 2011 speaker for the College of Liberal Arts' (CLA) Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series. She will present Thursday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center in San Luis Obispo, Balcony Lobby. The event is free and open to the public.

During her talk, "Context is King - Unleashing the Power of Content in a Social World," O'Connor Abrams will discuss how Dwell Media went from a single magazine title to a media brand on seven platforms—all with the same team and while preserving the integrity of the voice that has made Dwell a household word in the world of design. A meet the speaker reception will follow. Hosted by the College of Liberal Arts in partnership with the Art & Design, Journalism, and Graphic Communication Departments' Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series 2011.

Annual Student Art Exhibit at U Gallery April 15-May 7

Cal Poly's University Art Gallery will display student works in its annual juried student exhibition April 15-May 7.

Details at www.artgallery.calpoly.edu

Center for Teaching and Learning to Host Oral Communication Workshop Friday

The Center for Teaching and Learning is hosting Teaching/Learning Oral Communication: Techniques for Instruction, Skill Development, and Feedback Workshop this Friday, April 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Kennedy Library, Room 510B.

Eighty-nine percent of employers want colleges and universities to increase their focus on oral communication. This ULO-based workshop responds to workplace demands by exploring the following questions: What is effective oral communication? What are the benefits and challenges of oral communication instruction? How can you successfully integrate oral communication into your class? And how can you give efficient and helpful feedback to students?

The workshop includes a short speech and application of a newly designed rubric, as well as a panel discussion with faculty members from across the university about their teaching experiences and instructional techniques. The panel includes Alexander Dekhtyar (CSC), Lorraine Jackson (COMS), Stern Neill (BUS), Anurag Pande (CE), and Scott Vernon (AGED).

Register online at <http://wwwctl.calpoly.edu/content/registration> or call ext. 6-7002.

Extraordinary Mysteries April 29, 30

Variable Velocity Performance Group presents an evening of their most compelling works in celebration of the company's 10 years of Artistic Dance in San Luis Obispo April 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. As recipients of the very first "Bravo Award" grant, Variable Velocity will perform for the first time this year in the beautiful Cohan Center thanks to the generous support of the Hind Foundation and the Foundation of the Performing Arts Center.

[More information on Extraordinary Mysteries](#)



The MET Live in HD: Verdi's Il Trovatore on April 30

David McVicar's stirring production of Verdi's intense drama premiered in the 2008–09 season. James Levine leads this revival, starring four extraordinary singers—Sondra Radvanovsky, Dolora Zajick, Marcelo Álvarez, and Dmitri Hvorostovsky—in what might be the composer's most melodically rich score. James Levine; Sondra Radvanovsky, Dolora Zajick, Marcelo Álvarez, Dmitri Hvorostovsky. The performance will be shown at the Performing Arts Center on April 30 at 10 a.m.

[Details on Verdi's Il Trovatore](#)

CLFSA to Host Talk on Lowrider Culture May 2

Denise Sandoval, Associate Professor, Chicana and Chicano Studies at CSU Northridge will present "Bajito y Savicito/Low & Slow: Cruisin' through Lowrider Culture in Los Angeles" on Monday, May 2 at noon in the center section of Chumash Auditorium. Sandoval's ethnographic study reveals the intersections of race/ethnicity, class and gender within Chicano and American culture. It also sheds light on key themes within lowrider culture, such as pride, respect, family and brotherhood.

This event is co-sponsored by the Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association (CLFSA), Cal Poly Career Services, and Office of Student Affairs. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Debra Valencia-Laver, CLFSA Secretary, at dvalenc@calpoly.edu.

Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Mikado' Set for May 3

Gilbert's lyrics and Sullivan's melodies have delighted operetta lovers for more than a century. See the classic 'Mikado' on Tuesday, May 3, in the Cohan Center. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. The New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players and a live orchestra will bring a modern playfulness to 'The Mikado,' Big and bawdy, cunning and clever, 'The Mikado' has never been more fun.

[Details on the 'Mikado'](#)

Science Cafe Talk on Harm Reduction Set for May 4

Cal Poly Science Café welcomes Candace Winstead, Cal Poly assistant professor of Biological Sciences and alumna Janelle Barbier (Biological Sciences, '09) who will present a moderated talk titled "Harm Reduction: Intravenous Drug Use Solutions in SLO County" at 3 p.m. May 4 in the Kennedy Library's Second Floor Café Lounge.

Harm reduction includes a spectrum of practical strategies that reduce the negative consequences of drug use. These strategies incorporate abstinence, safe and managed use, as well as the distribution of overdose prevention kits, which directly address the conditions of drug use. We'll hear from a Cal Poly Biological Sciences faculty/student research team who evaluated an approved needle-exchange program in SLO County. The needle exchange program lost its external funding but continues to operate with private funding and volunteer support. Perspectives on local harm reduction strategies and global issues will be shared by Cal Poly's research team to spark a conversation about this practical approach to living with drug use in our community.

For more information, contact Cynthia Perrine ext. 6-7549 or cperrine@calpoly.edu. For more information about Cal Poly Science Café at Robert E. Kennedy Library, visit the [Science Cafe web site](#) or join the conversation on the [Science Cafe facebook page](#).

Poet Adriel Luis to Perform May 4 at Cal Poly for Asian and Pacific Islander Month

Another Type of Groove: Spoken Word Poetry celebrates Asian/Pacific Islander Month with the last featured poet of the school year, Adriel Luis on Wednesday, May 4. The event will run 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Chumash Auditorium.

[More on Luis](#)

Cal Poly to Host Spanish Composer Anna Cazorra for Lecture May 5

Anna Cazorra, one of Spain's leading composers, will present a lecture on new trends in Spain's contemporary music Thursday, May 5, at Cal Poly. The event will begin at 11 a.m. in Room 218 of the Davidson Music Center (Building 45). Titled "The State of Spanish Composition in Our Modern World," the lecture will primarily draw from Cazorra's own recent works.

[More on Cazorra](#)

Taiwan Film Screening: Double Feature on May 5

The History Department, the Asian Studies Minor, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles present a public screening of two films commemorating the 100th year of the Republic of China (the current government of Taiwan). The double feature begins at 11:10 a.m. and takes place in the right wing of Chumash Auditorium, UU 207.

The first film, "Three Times," a 2005 feature film by the famed director Hou Hsiao-Hsien begins at 11:10 a.m. This original film is composed of three chronologically separate love stories, set in 1911, 1966 and 2005, all featuring the same lead actors, Shu Qi and Chang Chen. Through these three stories the viewer can see the incredible changes that have taken place in the Republic of China over the last century, which saw this regime overthrow the Qing Dynasty in 1911 and then relocate to Taiwan after communist revolution of 1949. American director Jim Jarmusch called "Three Times" "one of the most perfect pieces of cinema I've ever seen," and the New York Times judged it "a masterpiece. This is why cinema exists." Hou is a leading figure of Taiwan's New Wave cinema movement and was named by The Village Voice and Film Comment as "Director of the 1990s."

The second film, "Grandma's Hairpin," a 2000 documentary from Taiwan, begins at 1:30 p.m. This film examines some of the 600,000 veterans of China's civil war (1945-49) who relocated to Taiwan with the Republic of China government and armed forces, and their

lives since then. Until 1987, these veterans were not allowed to travel back to their mainland China homes; at the same time, Taiwanese resentment toward the ROC government made it hard for these men to set down new roots in Taiwan.

Provocative Perspectives Series to Feature Michael Yellow Bird May 5

The Office of Student Affairs Provocative Perspective series will feature Michael Yellow Bird for his talk "Neurodecolonization: A Mindfulness Equation for Indigenous Peoples' Empowerment" on Thursday, May 5 beginning at 7:30 a.m. in Vista Grande Café. A student session is also scheduled for 10 a.m. in UU 216. Yellow Bird, MSW, Ph.D. is a citizen of the Arikara (Sahnish) and Hidatsa Nations in North Dakota. He is the Director of the Center for Indigenous Nations Studies and a Professor of Behavioral and Social Sciences at Humboldt State University.

The event is free and open to the public, however reservations are required. Contact Liz Cofer at ext. 6-0327 or lcofer@calpoly.edu. Persons with disabilities may request accommodations.

Ethic Studies to Host Talk on The DREAM Act May 6

The Ethnic Studies Department with support from the College of Liberal Arts' Lottery Speaker Fund will host a talk by Marla Ramirez. The event is set for Friday, May 6 from 11 a.m. to noon in Ag Engineering, Room 123.

Ramirez will discuss The DREAM Act, its current language, possible exclusion and policy recommendations for comprehensive immigration reform. The Act could potentially benefit 2.1 million undocumented youth. Yet, under close analysis it is estimated that only 825,000 youth would successfully achieve lawful permanent status. The question remains: What would happen to undocumented youth who cannot benefit from this pending legislation?

Ramirez is a doctoral student at the University of California, Santa Barbara in the Chicana and Chicano Studies Department.

For more information contact the ethnic studies department at ethnicstudies@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-1707.

Astronomy Club to Host Astronomer, Photographer Tyler Nordgren May 7

The Cal Poly Astronomy club will host astronomer Tyler Nordgren on Saturday, May 7 at 7 p.m. in the Business Rotunda.

Nordgren is an astronomer, photographer, professor and author of the new book "Stars Above, Earth Below: A Guide to Astronomy in the National Parks." In 2007, Nordgren took a sabbatical and spent 12 months exploring and photographing the night skies within our national parks.

He will share his photos and experiences during this free and public event. A "star party" will immediately follow with opportunities to view Saturn, the waxing crescent moon, double stars, and other astronomical wonders. For more information about this event and to view the flyer, visit <http://cesame.calpoly.edu> or call the CESaME office at ext. 6-2859.

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 job opportunities at this time.

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

Catering Service Supervisor - Campus Dining, \$13.43 - \$16.46 per hour, full-time, 12-month position. Requires high school degree or equivalent and four years experience in restaurant service, including two years high volume catering experience and two years in a supervisory role. Event planning and college or university food service experience preferred.

Operations Manager - Facilities and Projects Campus Dining, \$51,558 - \$74,698 per year. Full-time, 12-month position, requires BS degree in Construction Management or equivalent years of direct work experience in a construction management capacity, including all aspects of process development and execution. Requires personnel management experience and competency with various software programs, such as CAD.

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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