Awards and Honors

Kathleen J. Murphy, assistant professor of history at Cal Poly, has received a fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) for the 2013-14 academic year. The fellowship, worth $51,742, will allow Professor Murphy to be relieved of teaching duties for a portion of the 2013-14 academic year. The fellowship is intended for researchers in the humanities and social sciences who are working at the time of the award to complete a dissertation or book project. The fellowship supports research on the transatlantic slave trade, with a focus on the relationship between scientists and merchants. Professor Murphy is working on a book about scientists and merchants that will be published in 2016. She is the first Cal Poly history professor to receive the fellowship.

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As an alternative to a fellowship, the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) also has a Postdoctoral Fellowship for Teachers program available at http://www.acls.org. This program is designed to support the completion of a doctorate and provides teachers with the opportunity to continue their research and writing.

For more information, please visit the ACLS website at http://www.acls.org.
Student Success
Campus Police Team on Campus North America at International Student Orientation on June

Campus Announcements
Chancellor’s Office: Apparent Higher Institutions Retirement Funding Rate for Fiscal Year - 4.5%

Effective April 1, the standard actuarial endowment rate for Houston will increase to 4.5%. Actuarial endowment rates are established by the University for the retirement benefit plan. This rate change will impact faculty and staff members who are participants in the retirement system. The rate change is based on the actuarial analysis of the long-term financial stability of the endowment. If this rate remains stable,

Young Outstanding Student Employees to be Recognized at April 11 Event

The Young Outstanding Employee (YOE) Award recognizes an outstanding student or student employee on the university. The award is designed to recognize students who have made significant contributions in their respective fields and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills.

Honors Sought for Outstanding Faculty Award

The Outstanding Faculty Award recognizes an outstanding faculty member who has made significant contributions to the university through teaching, research, and service. The award is given to faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in their academic pursuits.

Training Sessions Open for Coordinators’ Time-Slot Scheduling System

Effective as of the page, the University of Houston will begin the process of scheduling academic courses for the fall semester.

Career Center Offers Online Workshop for Students on Job Hunting

The Career Center at the University of Houston will offer an online workshop for students on job hunting. The workshop will cover strategies for preparing a professional resume, networking, and conducting successful job interviews.

Athletic Facilities

The Athletic Facilities at the University of Houston will include a new indoor track and field facility. The facility will provide state-of-the-art training and competition opportunities for student-athletes.