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## Mixed-Media Exhibition at Kennedy Library April 14-June 3 Explores Cal Poly's Photographic History

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's Liberal Arts and Engineering Studies Program, College of Liberal Arts, Department of Architecture, and the Theatre and Dance Department will partner with the Robert E. Kennedy Library to produce Look the Other Way: An Exhibition of Photographic Truth and Fiction, a mixed-media interactive exhibition exploring the photographic history of the university.

Running April 14 through June 3, the exhibit will be featured on the second floor of Kennedy Library's Learning Commons, where visitors can view or interact with the displays.

The exhibition is free and open to the public during regular library hours. There will be ongoing Open House tours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 15 and 16.

Using images from the photographic collection of Frank Aston housed in University Archives (1906-1929), combined with a fictional re-imagining of Cal Poly history from the same period, the exhibit presents student-engineered images, sounds, and textual documents.

The exhibition explores the history of spirit photography through the re-envisioning of history – straining credibility and provoking a rich array of interpretations from viewers. The goal of the exhibit is to encourage visitors to consider how the "official" record of history is created and re-created, through selection, interpretation and authentication of diverse textual and visual documents. Visitors are encouraged to take the role of historian to determine which historical artifacts in the exhibit are real and which are fictional.

For more exhibit information, contact Catherine Trujillo at 805-756-2305 or ctrujill@calpoly.edu, or visit the library's web site at