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### *Cal Poly to Host Sustainable Grassland Ranching Presentation Feb. 3*

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Ecosystem scientist James J. Garret will present “Future Vision: A Sustainable and Healthy Food Production System” from 6:10 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, in Room 215 in the Science North Building on campus.

Garret will provide a vision for the future of the grassland community food system and examine positive impacts such a food production system can have on economically depressed reservation communities. He will also explore how sustainable grassland ranching can affect reservation communities’ economic and food security, enhance food quality and quantity, and improve marketing and employment opportunities.

Garret grew up on the Cheyenne River Lakota Reservation in South Dakota. He earned a master’s degree in environmental systems from Humboldt State University and a doctorate in rangeland ecosystem science from Colorado State University.

The event is free and open to the public.

The presentation is sponsored by Cal Poly’s College of Liberal Arts’ Lottery Speakers Fund; the American Indian & Indigenous Faculty Staff Association; the American Indian Student Association; the Biological Sciences Department and Natural Resources Management & Environmental Sciences Department.

#### **Links:**

Ethnic Studies Department: <http://cla.calpoly.edu/es.html>.

#### **About the Cal Poly Ethnic Studies Department**

Cal Poly’s Ethnic Studies Department works at the intersection of the fundamental social forces of ethnicity, race, culture and gender. By exploring these issues, students are able to understand the factors that shape social and occupational identities, preparing them to work, collaborate and interact in an increasingly heterogeneous and complex world. The department’s size and ethos produce close connections between students and faculty and inspire active engagement on campus, contributing to the diversity and inclusivity of the Cal Poly community and the cultural competence of its students.

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