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## Kennedy Library Update, November 2014

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## Greetings

### Cal Poly faculty, staff, and friends.

This month, Kennedy Library has news to share about a new faculty scholar award, faculty participation in last week's AL\$ Day, and two other fall quarter events to share with your students and colleagues.

As always, we welcome your feedback, ideas, and questions, and wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

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### New Learn by Doing Scholar Award

A new faculty award, recognizing outstanding faculty scholarship on Learn by Doing, will be given for the first time in spring 2015. The Learn by Doing Scholar Award is sponsored by the Information Services advisory board (LITAC). Its purpose is to acknowledge and inspire formal scholarship and research by Cal Poly faculty about our signature pedagogy. Applications for the award will be accepted beginning February 15, 2015. Application procedures and criteria will be announced by the end of fall quarter. [Read more.](#)

### Events for Geography Awareness Week + GIS-Day Nov. 17-21

Together with the SLO GIS Users Group, Kennedy Library will host events during International Geography Awareness Week Nov. 17-21 and on GIS-Day, Wednesday Nov. 19. Events include presentations from students, faculty and staff working on geospatial projects in a variety of disciplines, GIS Day at the SLO Public Library, and a gallery reception featuring maps by students and faculty. These events are great opportunities to connect, learn, and share about how geography and GIS are used on campus and in San Luis Obispo. For a full description of events, [go to our calendar.](#)

### Conversations with Cal Poly Authors features Kathleen Cairns Dec. 5

Join us to discuss Kathleen Cairns' book, *Hard Time at Tehachapi: California's First Women's Prison* on Friday, December 5, 10-11:30am in 111H. Cairns is a lecturer in the history department and also the author of *The Enigma Woman: The Death Sentence of Nellie May Madison* (Nebraska, 2007) and *Proof of Guilt: Barbara Graham and the Politics of Executing Women in America* (Nebraska, 2013). She will be joined by Ryan Alaniz, an assistant professor in sociology. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. [See our calendar for more details.](#)

### AL\$ Information Day: Support student savings through Open Educational Resources

On November 5, we hosted the first program in Cal Poly's Affordable Learning Solutions (AL\$) initiative. Sixteen faculty members attended the two-hour compensated workshop to learn more about the discovery and use of Open Educational Resources from presenters Leslie Kennedy, director of CSU Affordable Learning Solutions, and John Lee and Rita Gonzalez of the Disability Resource Center. Kennedy Library and our partners are very excited to be able to provide faculty with these opportunities to learn more about textbook options, and we will continue to do so during the winter and spring quarters. [Learn more.](#)

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**Feedback?** Questions? We look forward to hearing from you.

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