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COMING SOON: HAVE YOUR SAY ON CAL POLY'S FUTURE

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The Office of the Provost has been working to update Cal Poly's Strategic Plan and will soon unveil a draft of the update to the campus community for comments. The Strategic Plan presents Cal Poly's long-term values and a list of related, enduring goals for the university. Erling Smith, Cal Poly's vice provost for strategic initiatives and planning, presented the draft plan Tuesday to the Academic Senate. In coming days, the Provost's Office will launch a Web site where everyone on campus can log on to read the draft and make comments. Look to Cal Poly Report for an announcement that the site is open and a link to take you there.

LEADING IMMUNOLOGIST TO SPEAK AT CAL POLY JAN. 22

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John D. Clements, chair of Microbiology and Immunology and vice dean for Research at Tulane University School of Medicine, will speak on the topic "Novel Adjuvants and Delivery Systems for Transdermal Immunization," on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 11:10 a.m. in Fisher Science Hall, Room 285.

Clements' research programs focus on development of vaccines against infectious diseases. He was the first to successfully purify and characterize the cholera-like, heat-labile enterotoxin of *E. coli*, a leading cause of childhood diarrheal disease world-wide. His laboratory has extensively studied the use of attenuated bacteria as vaccine-delivery systems and was among the first to employ this technology with recombinant antigens. For more information about Clements, visit <http://www.som.tulane.edu/departments/microbiology/clements.htm>.

#### LESLIE MCKINLEY RETIREMENT RECEPTION SET FOR JAN. 23

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Join the Orfalea College of Business in celebrating the retirement of Leslie McKinley, director of College and Alumni Relations. She will retire after 12 years of service at Cal Poly. A reception will be held in her honor on Friday, Jan. 23, in the Business Building, Room 114 from 3-5 p.m.

#### NEED A PASSPORT?

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Canyon Post at Poly Canyon Village is hosting a Passport Fair on Saturday, Jan. 24, from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/distribution/docs/passport.pdf>.

#### EARLY MUSIC ENSEMBLE TO PRESENT MUSIC OF THE MISSIONS JAN. 24

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The Early Music Ensemble will present works of the California missions at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, in the Pavilion of the Performing Arts Center. The concert, titled "Masters of the Mission," will feature works that were reconstructed from the original sources in the missions by music professor and noted California mission music scholar Craig Russell. The Early Music Ensemble will be joined by a small instrumental group, including Russell on baroque guitar. Music Professor Thomas Davies will conduct the performance. For more information, visit [http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news\\_releases/2008/December/missions.html](http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/December/missions.html).

#### ELECTRIC VEHICLE SPECIALIST TO SPEAK JAN. 27

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The Research Scholars in Residence Program will sponsor a seminar by John Dunning on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m., in Room 510-B of the Kennedy Library. Entitled "Electric Propulsion Comes of Age," the talk will explore the forces and technology surrounding the evolution of modern electric vehicles. The speaker will share his firsthand experiences in developing batteries for these new cars, including the lithium ion battery, and will discuss the challenges and prospects for widespread adoption of these new vehicle choices. Faculty, staff, students and members of the community are welcome.

Dunning is a Research Scholar in Residence at Cal Poly. He worked for General Motors for 28 years, directing research on batteries and fuel cells, and provided leadership in

battery testing equipment development on the United States Advanced Battery Consortium. He has a Ph.D. in electrochemical engineering from UCLA.

#### SCIENCE CAFÉ TO LAUNCH WITH 'IMPROBABLE VEHICLES' JAN. 28

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Kennedy Library will launch the Central Coast's first Science Café with a celebration of "Improbable Vehicles," from 4:30-6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28 in the library's second floor Learning Commons. The event is free and open to the public. Science cafés are live events including a face-to-face conversation with a scientist about current science topics. Cal Poly's Science Café is the first of its kind on the Central Coast, according to the U.S.-based [sciencecafes.org](http://www.sciencecafes.org). For more information, visit

[http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news\\_releases/2009/January/science%20cafe.html](http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/January/science%20cafe.html).

#### WORKPLACE DIVERSITY RECOGNITION RECEPTION SET FOR JAN. 28

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Career Services will recognize employers for their commitment to diversity at an upcoming reception, "Inclusive Excellence: The Power of Workplace Diversity," on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 5:30-7 p.m., at Embassy Suites, 333 Madonna Road. The evening will include keynote speakers, awards presentations, and an opportunity for students to interact with employers. Speakers Denise Campbell, Division of Student Affairs, and Ron Smith, Northrup Grumman Corporation, will share their perspectives on the implications of workplace diversity. The reception is open to the campus community. RSVP to [careerservices@calpoly.edu](mailto:careerservices@calpoly.edu).

#### GLOBAL WOMEN'S ISSUES FOCUS OF LECTURE FEB. 3

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Psychology and Child Development Professor Patrice Engle will discuss in her Tuesday, Feb. 3, presentation, "Women Around the World: Challenges and Triumphs." The free public talk will be from 6-8 p.m. in the Community Room at the SLO Public Library. Engle will also explore what a global perspective on the struggle for gender equity teaches Western women about the fight for social justice. For more information, visit [http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news\\_releases/2009/January/women.html](http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/January/women.html).

#### SUBMIT UNIV COURSE PROPOSALS BY FEB. 9

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The UNIV prefix provides an opportunity for interdisciplinary courses to be offered across college boundaries, typically team-taught by two or more faculty. Proposals are now being solicited for new and existing UNIV courses to be offered during the coming academic year (AY 2009-10). Submit your proposals to Academic Programs by the following deadlines:

For offerings in Fall quarter 2009, submit proposals by noon, Feb. 9. For offerings in Winter or Spring quarter 2010, provide preliminary notification by noon, Feb. 9. Complete proposals by noon, Mar. 11. For more information, see the complete criteria and submission guidelines at

<http://www.academicprograms.calpoly.edu/whatsnew/univinter0910.htm> or contact the Academic Programs Office at ext. 6-2246.

#### CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS

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The Women's and Gender Studies Department announces seven scholarship opportunities for students at Cal Poly: Susan Currier Memorial Scholarship, James M. Duenow Scholarship, Vicki and Darell Farrer Scholarship, Steve Harmon Scholarship, L. Diane Ryan Scholarship, Nell E. Spradlin Scholarship for the Recognition of Individuality, and the Dr. Shirley H. Walker Scholarship. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, Feb. 17. Graduate students are also eligible. For scholarship criteria information, visit <http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/wgs/scholarships.html> or contact Andrea Nash at [anash@calpoly.edu](mailto:anash@calpoly.edu) or ext. 6-1525.

#### STATISTICAL CONSULTING SERVICE FOR WINTER QUARTER 2009

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The Statistics Department provides statistical consulting service to the entire university community to facilitate research design and data analysis in a wide variety of disciplines. The consulting service is intended to support projects and research of faculty and staff, as well as provide assistance for students working on senior projects and graduate research.

Karen McGaughey and Jeff Sklar will serve as the main consultants and are available to advise on data collection, experimental design, and analysis of research projects. They will also be available to lead seminars or tutorials on requested topics and offer advice on various computer packages currently available at Cal Poly. Contact McGaughey at [kmcgaugh@calpoly.edu](mailto:kmcgaugh@calpoly.edu) or Sklar at [jsklar@calpoly.edu](mailto:jsklar@calpoly.edu) to arrange lectures. For consulting hours and more information, visit [www.calpoly.edu/~stat](http://www.calpoly.edu/~stat).

#### GRAD AND SLO BUSINESS OWNER NAMED TO ENDOWED CHAIR

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The College of Architecture and Environmental Design named Elbert O. Speidel, AIA, to the George Hasslein Endowed Chair for Interdisciplinary Studies in Environmental Design, established to honor the college's founding dean. Speidel developed a prefabricated polymer housing unit called the Poly-Pod in addition to mentoring students through his 40 years in the field of architecture and construction. For more information, visit [http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news\\_releases/2009/January/CAED-Endowed-Chair.html](http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/January/CAED-Endowed-Chair.html).

#### NEW MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR 2009

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Effective Jan. 1, the mileage rate for those traveling on official Cal Poly business has been decreased from .585 to .55 per mile. If you have any questions, contact John Sullivan, state travel coordinator at ext. 6-1717.

#### PROFESSORS, STUDENT PART OF GATES-FUNDED UC DAVIS PROJECT

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Two Agribusiness professors and a student are taking part in a UC Davis research project on improving child nutrition in developing countries and plan to travel to Africa this summer as part of their work. For more information, visit

[http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news\\_releases/2009/January/Davis.html](http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/January/Davis.html).

#### REMINDER: SEPARATION AND RESIGNATION REQUIREMENTS

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This is a reminder that departments must notify Human Resources or Academic Personnel immediately upon knowledge that an employee will be separating in order to meet legal requirements for settlement pay (Labor Code sections 201 and 202). All employees must complete a Form PR 300, Employee Separation Form.

Additionally, for employees who are resigning, staff and management must complete the Form HR 191, Employee Notice of Resignation, and academic employees must submit a letter of resignation to the appropriate department head/chair. Separation forms are available on the Human Resources Web site at

<http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/separating.asp?pid=5>. For questions, contact Human Resources at ext. 6-2236 or Academic Personnel at ext. 6-2844.

#### VAN POOL OPENINGS AVAILABLE

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The Los Osos/Morro Bay van pool currently has openings. With gas prices rising, now is the time to give van pooling a try. Anyone in the north coast area is welcome. For more information, contact Commuter and Access Services at ext. 6-6680 or [srains@calpoly.edu](mailto:srains@calpoly.edu).

#### SOME PARKING SPACES CLOSED IN GRAND AVE PARKING STRUCTURE

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All light fixtures in the Grand Avenue Parking Structure are being replaced with high efficiency fluorescent lights that use less energy and provide better quality light. Work areas will be limited to half a floor at a time. To provide safe access for workers, those parking spaces will be closed and marked off with cones through approximately Feb. 2. All drive lanes will remain open for normal traffic flow. Use care when driving through the parking structure. If you have questions or concerns, contact Dennis Elliott at ext. 6-2090.

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