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

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.

WORKPLACE DIVERSITY RECOGNITION RECEPTION SET FOR JAN. 28

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.

FACULTY: INFORM STUDENTS OF CAREERS DISCUSSION SET FOR JAN. 29

A panel of professionals will speak about sales careers on Thursday, Jan. 29, from 4-5 p.m. in UU, Room 220. The panel will discuss what companies look for when hiring and what it's like to work in sales. All majors are encouraged to attend. The panel will feature representatives from a wide range of industries: pharmaceutical, engineering, business-to-business, and non-profit. Companies to be represented include Fort Dearborn, E.J. Gallo, Forest Laboratories, Climatec, and American Heart Association. For more information, visit http://www.careerservices.calpoly.edu/students/job_fairs/event_calendar.htm.

PROFESSOR MAKES DEBUT AS DIRECTOR OF ORCHESIS DANCE COMPANY

Assistant Professor Diana Stanton makes her debut as director of Cal Poly's Orchesis Dance Company with "Impact," the company's 39th annual concert. Evening performances are scheduled at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30-31, and Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 5-7. In addition, a 2 p.m. matinee is scheduled on Sunday, Feb. 1. All performances will be in the Spanos Theatre. For more information, visit http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/December/Orchesis.html.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS – CSU SYMPOSIUM ON UNIVERSITY TEACHING

Cal Poly and the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) are pleased to be hosting the 12th CSU Regional Symposium on University Teaching. The CSU Symposium is a peer-reviewed conference for teaching and learning. Cal Poly and CSU faculty are encouraged to submit their work for a conference presentation or poster session. Past conferences have proven to be inspiring, energetic events that renew and invigorate the CSU's commitment to teaching and learning.

The deadline for submitting proposals is Feb. 1. For more information about proposal submission, registration and fees, visit <http://www.ctl.calpoly.edu/symposium/index.html> or contact ctl@calpoly.edu.

SERVICE AWARDS LUNCHEON TICKETS GO ON SALE FEB. 2

Tickets for the annual Service Awards Luncheon go on sale Monday, Feb. 2. Tickets are \$12. Make checks payable to "Cal Poly Corporation." State, Foundation, and ASI employees will be honored at the Service Awards Luncheon on Thursday, Mar. 5 in Chumash Auditorium. The program begins at 11:30 a.m. with seating beginning at 11:15 a.m. The theme for this year's program is "Go Green and Gold." Master of Ceremonies will be Phil Bailey.

Tickets will be sold Feb. 2-27. Ticket sellers are Tracy Watson, ASI, ext. 6-1292; Geri Bolivar, Facility Service, ext. 6-2321; Carol Leong, College of Architecture and Environmental Design, ext. 6-1313; Colleen Rodriguez, Payroll, ext. 6-2606; and Jeanne Secrest, CP Corporation, ext. 6-1122.

GLOBAL WOMEN'S ISSUES FOCUS OF LECTURE FEB. 3

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.

NSF AND RESEARCH ETHICS: A NEW REQUIREMENT

The Philosophy Department is launching its Technology and Ethics Lecture Series with a practical talk about a new research-ethics training requirement. Mandated by the America COMPETES Act, this requirement affects all researchers seeking funding from the National Science Foundation. Tom Powers of the University of Delaware will talk about related challenges, including compliance. The talk is open to the public and will be held on Friday, Feb. 6, from 12-1 p.m. in the Fisher Science Building, Room 286. For more information, visit <http://ethics.calpoly.edu> or email Patrick Lin at palin@calpoly.edu.

ROSE FLOAT CONTEST TO SEEK IDEAS FOR 2010

The Rose Float Program is holding a concept contest to gather design ideas for its 2010 Rose Parade float entry. The theme of the next Tournament of Roses Parade is "2010: A Cut Above the Rest." The concept contest is open to everyone and the winning entry will be used for the 2010 Cal Poly float. The contest winner will receive \$1,000, or two tickets to the 2010 Rose Bowl Game in Pasadena and four tickets to the Rose Parade.

In the event of multiple winners, the cash value will be split equally. Concepts must be submitted as a sketched design, and should include the name, phone number and e-mail address of the person entering the concept, written neatly on the back of the entry. Entries with identifying marks on the front cannot be accepted. The maximum entry size is 18 x 24 inches. Entries are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6, and should be submitted to the University Union Epicenter. All entries become the property of the Cal Poly Rose Float Program and will not be returned. For more information, call ext. 6-1182 or visit www.asi.calpoly.edu/rosefloat.

FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SET FOR FEB. 7

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting, which is open to the public, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Bonderson Projects Center building. For

more information about the meeting, or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call Sandra Ogren at ext. 6-1445.

CATASTROPHIC LEAVE DRIVE FOR MARJORIE HOLLAND

Marjorie Holland, administrative support assistant in Continuing Education, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. To donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Holland remain in full pay status during an extended leave of absence, contact Vanessa Scrimiger in Continuing Education at ext. 6-1435 or vscrimig@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

PASSINGS: SOIL SCIENCE PROFESSOR THOMAS RUEHR

Soil Science Professor Thomas A. Ruehr, 65, died on Jan. 7 at his home in Los Osos. He began teaching at Cal Poly in the Soil Science Department in 1974, and earned his Ph.D. in agronomy and soil science at Colorado State University in 1976. He was the recipient of Cal Poly's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1980. Ruehr taught a variety of courses, mostly related to plant nutrition, soil chemistry, soil microbiology, and bioremediation. He was also a founding member of Cal Poly's Sustainable Agriculture Resource Consortium.

Donations may be made to the Thomas Ruehr Honorary Scholarship Fund through Lisa Wallravin, Earth & Soil Sciences Department, ext. 6-2261, lwallrav@calpoly.edu. For more information on Professor Ruehr, visit http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/January/Ruehr.html. To view The Tribune obituary, visit <http://www.legacy.com/sanluisobispo/DeathNotices.asp>, scroll down to Search Options and enter 'Ruehr' as search term.

STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted on <http://calpolyjobs.org>. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

#101819—Operations Specialist, Career/Foundation, dependent upon experience
Foundation Level: \$2,397-\$3,596/month, anticipated hiring range \$2,397-\$3,425/month
Career Level: \$2,740-\$4,510/month, anticipated hiring range \$2,740-\$3,983/month
Closes: Feb. 9.

FACULTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Candidates are asked to visit our online employment Web site at <http://calpolyjobs.org> to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified.

#101832–Tenure Track Position, Rangeland Resource Management, Animal Science Department, College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences, ext. 6-1241. Review begins: Apr. 1.

#101824–Tenure Track Position, Forestry and Natural Resources Management, Animal Science Department, College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences, ext. 6-6390. Review begins: Apr.15.

#101816–Tenure Track Position, Construction Management, Construction Management Department, College of Architecture and Environmental Design, ext. 6-6357. Review begins: Mar. 8.

#101817–Full-Time Lecturer, Susan Currier Visiting Professorship, Deans Office, College of Liberal Arts, ext. 6-1525. Review begins: Feb. 27.

#101810–Tenure Track Position, Landscape Architecture, Landscape Architecture Department, College of Architecture and Environmental Design, ext. 6-1319. Review begins: Feb. 20.

#101805–Tenure Track Position, Taxation, Accounting Department, College of Business, ext. 6-1543. Review begins: Mar.6.

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