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Architecture Students Take Top Honor

Cal Poly Architecture students David Lee and Anthony Stahl were awarded the highest honor at the recent 2010 Mock Firms International Skyscraper Challenge: Collegiate Division sponsored by Chicago Architecture Today.

[More on the architecture awards](#)

Students Take Awards in Agriculture Competition

Cal Poly agriculture students took first and second places for their public speaking and research skills at the 2010 conference of Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences.

[More on the ag award](#)

Faculty and Staff

Skip Parks to Support Alumni Engagement

Beginning July 1, Dennis "Skip" Parks, dean of Cal Poly's Continuing Education, will become an associate vice president for University/Community Engagement. In his new role, Parks will be responsible for defining new ways to engage alumni and parents, as well as local and regional friends of the university and community members.

[Read more about the move](#)



Hampson Researches New Technology for Algae Cultivation

Professor Brian Hampson is investigating new technology for algae cultivation using photobioreactors. While the technology is not new, making efficient use of PBS for algal biomass production is nowhere near perfected. The Office of Naval Research and the CSU Agriculture Research Initiative are sponsoring Hampson's research. Hampson is also seeking USDA funding that will help maintain and expand the research, development and education program. Collaborative partners include Ilhami Yildiz of the BioResource and Agriculture Engineering Department, and the primary industry partner is Paul Cathcart, president of Phycotech Inc., who is

donating the photobioreactor equipment.

Nominations Due June 18 for Provost's Leadership Award for Partnership in Philanthropy

Nominations are being accepted for the Provost's Leadership Award for Partnership in Philanthropy, which recognizes a current or former faculty member's superior achievement in fundraising. The award recipient will be recognized at the 2010 Fall Conference. Faculty, staff and current students are eligible to submit nominations. The nomination form is available on the [Academic Affairs website](#). Submit nominations to Eileen Amaral, University Advancement, Heron Hall, Room 206 no later than 5 p.m., June 18. E-mail electronic submissions to eamaral@calpoly.edu. For more information, contact Amaral at ext. 6-1590

Retirements

Retirement Reception for Mike Suess Set for May 19 in the Kennedy Library Atrium

A retirement reception for Michael Suess, associate vice president for Academic Personnel, is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Kennedy Library Atrium. Suess has been with Cal Poly for more than 35 years. Please join Academic Personnel, Employment Equity and the Center for Teaching & Learning to celebrate his many contributions to the university. For more information, contact Rhonda Walker or Ann Wilenius at ext. 6-7002.

Retirement Reception for Peter Wilt Set for May 26

After 26 years of service to Cal Poly, Peter Wilt will retire from his position as the Spanos Theatre Manager/Cal Poly Arts Program Manager on June 30. An open-house celebration is set for Wednesday, May 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center lobby. Join Cal Poly Arts and the College of Liberal Arts in thanking Peter for his years of service and wishing him well in his retirement.

Retirement Reception for Walter Mark Set for June 2

After 38 years of dedicated service, Walter (Wally) Mark will retire from his current position as a faculty member in the Natural Resources Management Department. In addition to teaching, Mark spent 25 years in several administrative positions including academic program planner and director of institutional research; associate dean, College of Agriculture Food and Environmental Science; and Dairy Science department head. A reception in his honor is planned for Wednesday, June 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Agricultural Sciences Building, Room 210. Join us in wishing Wally well in his new adventures. For more information, contact NRM at ext. 6-2702.

Retirement Reception for Edwin Jaster Set for June 10

After 18 years of dedicated service, Edwin (Dr. J) Jaster will retire from his current position as a faculty member in the Dairy Science Department. In addition to teaching, Jaster served as Dairy Science department head, Los Lecheros Dairy Club adviser and the ADSA Dairy Quiz Bowl coach. A reception in his honor is planned for Thursday, June 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Erhart Ag Building, Room 100. Join us for an Ice Cream Social to wish Ed well in his retirement. For more information, contact DSCI at ext. 6-2560.

Campus Announcements

Endowment to Honor President and Mrs. Baker Established

Friends of Cal Poly recently established **The Baker Fund for Excellence in Project-Based Learning** as a tribute to the 31 years of leadership provided by Warren and Carly Baker. Nearly \$700,000 has already been raised for the newly-created endowment. Cal Poly President's Cabinet Chairman Steve Ciesinski and Rick Bergquist of the Cal Poly Foundation Board of

Directors presented the Bakers with an award naming the fund after them at the Cabinet meeting dinner May 2.

The Baker Fund is a lasting acknowledgment of the vision and accomplishment of the Bakers. It will help enhance Cal Poly's hallmark hands-on approach to learning that combines practical, professional and experiential learning opportunities. Support from the endowment will help fund collaborative student projects across disciplines to address real world problems, engage in innovative research and participate in national competitions. Contributions to the fund can be made by visiting the [Giving website](#) and selecting University-wide under Step 1 and then choosing the Baker Fund, or by contacting Cassie Carter at crcarter@calpoly.edu.

Wireless Printing Now Available in Kennedy Library for PolyCard Holders

The Kennedy Library now offers PolyCard holders the ability to print to any PolyCard printer in the library from anywhere on the campus wireless network (Mustang Wireless). Instructions on using this new service for are posted on the [Library's Web site](#).

The Library's newer check-out laptops are also configured for wireless PolyCard printing. For problems or questions about installing the drivers, visit the PolyConnect Lab service desk on the first floor of the Library for help. PolyCard printing is a service operated by ITS to deliver nonprofit printing services to students campuswide. It is also available to Cal Poly faculty and staff with money on their Campus Express account.

Does Diversity Make a Difference? Workshops Set for May 13, 20

The Inclusive Excellence Office in conjunction with the Provost's Office and The Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL) invite faculty and staff to attend a special workshop titled, "Does Diversity Make a Difference? The Educational Benefits to All Students" featuring renowned author and scholar Patricia Marin of the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education at UC Santa Barbara. The event will be held Thursday, May 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in UU 204 - Chumash Wing.

Marin is a researcher and lecturer who studies issues of inclusion and equity in higher education for underrepresented students. She was involved in the landmark University of Michigan affirmative action cases. Her scholarly work examines issues of diversity, affirmative action and college access. Before joining the Gevirtz School at UCSB, she worked for The Civil Rights Project (CRP) at Harvard University and the American Council on Education (ACE) in Washington, D.C. She is coeditor of three books: "Realizing Bakke's Legacy: Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity, and Access to Higher Education," "Higher Education and the Color Line," and "Moving Beyond Gratz and Grutter: The Next Generation of Research."

In the second workshop of the series May 20, Lauren Nile, manager of Professional Development at CSU Northridge, will lead a session titled, "Inclusive Excellence at Cal Poly: Envisioning Our Campus Climate." This workshop will also be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in UU 204.

Lunch is provided, so registration is encouraged but not required for these workshops. For more information or to register, email ctl@calpoly.edu or call ext. 6-7002.

Housing Corporation Board Meeting Set for May 14

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation (CPHC) will hold its next meeting Friday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Room 124. This is a public meeting. A copy of the agenda will be available for public

review at the Corporation Administration Building beginning May 7. For more information, contact Ann Roy, Cal Poly Housing Corporation, at ext, 6-1131.

Final InDesign Workshop is Saturday

The Graphic Communication Institute is hosting a series of InDesign workshops Saturdays in May. This Saturday's workshop, the last in the series, covers advanced InDesign work. Professor Lorraine Donegan leads the workshops and teaches attendees to create sophisticated page layouts, newsletters, brochures and more. The hands-on workshops take place in the Graphic Arts Building, Room 220 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are \$195 each. Register for the final two workshops today. Space is limited. For workshop details and to register, visit the [GRCI Web site](#) or call Lyndee Sing at ext. 6-2645.

Scholar to Talk on Battery Technology May 18

The Research Scholars in Residence Program will sponsor a presentation by John Dunning on "The Inside Story of the Lithium Ion Battery." The presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. in the Kennedy Library, Room 510-B. The event is free and open to the public.

The lithium ion battery is a key enabling technology for modern electronic devices, such as cell phones and portable computers. The lecture will explore basic design of the battery, examine its performance and discuss the many new applications exploding into the market. Recent work and progress at Cal Poly also will be discussed. Dunning spent 30 years developing advanced batteries and electric/hybrid vehicles for General Motors and now consults with major corporations and the Department of Energy on emerging storage devices.

Corporation Board Meeting Set for May 21

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold a its Annual meeting Friday, May 21, at 8:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Conference Room 124. This is a public meeting. For more information about this meeting or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Bonnie Murphy at ext. 6-1131.

Passings/In Memoriam

Herman Ellis Rickard

Faculty Emeritus, Herman E. (Doc) Rickard, passed peacefully from complications of Lewy Body Dementia on Monday, May 3. Rickard served as a Dairy Science professor for 30 years. In addition to teaching, Rickard supervised the Dairy Project and coached the Dairy Cattle Judging teams. Hundreds of project students and judging team members have fond memories of Doc. His judging teams enjoyed many successes, including three national championship teams. The family would appreciate your memories. Send e-mail to memoriesofdoc@yahoo.com. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lewy-Body Dementia Association, LBDA.org.



Events

It's AmeriCorps Week May 8-15

The Central Coast Volunteer Corps at Cal Poly will join the nationwide celebration of AmeriCorps Week from May 8-15, spotlighting the work done by AmeriCorps members in communities across California since the national service program

began 16 years ago.

[More on AmeriCorps Week](#)

Cal Poly's Pride Center Hosts Pride Week May 9-15

Cal Poly's Pride Center will host 15 special events for students and the public during Pride Week, from May 9-15. Pride Week celebrates the diversity and the commonalities within the LGBTQ community and brings visibility to LGBTQ people and issues in order to create a welcoming environment on campus for all students regardless of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

[More on Pride Week events](#)



Are Those Implants Ethical? Find Out May 12

The "Ethics of Human Enhancement" is the topic of the Kennedy Library Science Cafe on Wednesday, May 12, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Hear Cal Poly Philosophy Professor and nano-ethics expert and consultant Patrick Lin discuss the brave new world of "human enhancement" possible thanks to science. Lin co-authored a report commissioned by the National Science Foundation on the topic.

[Details on Lin's presentation at the Science Cafe](#)

Trends in Violence Against Women is Topic May 13

Firoza Chic Dabby will speak about how culture and gender influence our approaches fighting domestic violence against women and how experience, knowledge and outrage can be harnessed and applied to stop violence against women. Her appearance is part of Cal Poly's Provocative Perspectives speaker series and is set for 7:30 a.m. at Sage Vista Grande Cafe. Dabby is the director of the Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence /APIA Health Forum, a national resource center.

[Details on Dabby](#)

Theatre & Dance Department Presents 'Marisol' May 13-15, 20-22

The Cal Poly Theatre & Dance Department presents 'Marisol' May 13-15 and May 20-22 in the Spanos Theatre. Using dark comedy and fantastical events, Obie-Award winning Jose Rivera ("The Motorcycle Diaries") suggests the consequences of such critical issues as the credit crisis and environmental destruction within a rich story of humanity and compassion.

[More on 'Marisol'](#)

Cuesta Master Chorale Performs May 15

The Cuesta Master Chorale and the Master Chorale Orchestra perform Stravinsky's "Symphony of Psalms" and Mozart's "Mass in C Minor" May 15 at the Cohan Center. Showtime is 8 p.m. Originally commissioned by Koussevitsky to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Stravinsky's "Symphony of Psalms" is considered one of the highlights of 20th century choral music. Mozart's "Great Mass" is aptly named as it incorporates not only soaring choral works but some of the most beautiful and memorable solo movements in the liturgical repertoire.

[More on Master Chorale](#)

Cal Poly's University Organist In Concert May 16

Cal Poly Arts presents Paul Woodring in concert playing the Forbes Pipe Organ on May 16. As resident university organist, Woodring returns this season with a program featuring music by Dudley Buck, Jean Langlais, J.S. Bach, György Ligeti and the premiere performance of Woodring's own arrangement of "Babar, The Little Elephant" by Francis Poulenc, which includes percussion and charming narration.

[More on Woodring concert](#)

Student Ensembles Featured in Free "All That Brass" Concert May 18

For the third year in a row, Roy Main's Trombone Choir and Christopher Woodruff's Brass Choir will team up for an evening of fabulous fanfares, flourishes and fantasies in the new Methodist Church in San Luis Obispo. Also performing will be two of Cal Poly's Brass Quintets.

[More on All That Brass](#)



UU and You: Unitarian Universalist to Speak May 20

Rev. Helen Carroll will offer a lecture on the origins and perspective of the Unitarian Universalists on Thursday, May 20, in the Graphic Arts Building, Room 103 from 11:10 to noon. Carroll will discuss what unifies this group, which does not share a common creed or belief about God or the world but does engage in a common spiritual search. For more information, contact Stephen Lloyd-Moffett at ext. 6-2475 or slloydmo@calpoly.edu.

Bahai Speaker on May 27

Lisa Molin will offer a lecture titled, "Bahai New World: The Global Vision of the Bahai Faith" on Thursday, May 27, in the BRAE Building, Room 123 from 11:10 to noon. She will discuss one of the world's most geographically-diverse religions that believes in the unity of God, the unity of all religions and the unity of all humankind. For more information, contact Stephen Lloyd-Moffett at ext. 6-2475 or slloydmo@calpoly.edu.

Job Vacancies

State Employment Opportunities

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

#102019 – On-Call Custodian, Pool Position, University Housing, Housing & Business Services, up to 75 positions available. Temporary on-call from June 1, 2010 through Sept. 30, 2010, \$13.20-\$19.81 per hour. Open until filled.

#102083 – Cal Poly Arts Program & Development Specialist, Administrative Analyst/Specialist - Exempt I, College of Liberal Arts, Cal Poly Arts, \$3,845-\$5,770 per month, anticipated hiring range: \$3,845 -\$4,229 per month. Open until filled. Review begins May 13, 2010.

#102086 – Coordinator of Greek Affairs, Student Services Professional II, Student Affairs, Student Life & Leadership, \$3,519-\$5,002 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: June 3, 2010.

Faculty Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the 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 in the ad.

#102078 - Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Physics, Physics Department, College of Science and Mathematics ext. 6-1752. Review begins: May 24, 2010.

Corporation Employment Opportunities

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. For an application, visit Human Resources in the Corporation Administration Building, check the Web site at <http://www.calpolycorporation.org> or call ext. 6-1121.

Administrative Support Assistant, Educational Talent Search/Student Academic Services, \$14.45 per hour, 10-month position. Requires high school degree or equivalent and three years of general office support or administrative assistance experience. Training at a vocational school or full-time college education may be substituted for two years of the required experience on the basis of one year of college education for six months of experience. Bilingual/biliterate (Spanish/English) preferred. Experience working with multi-cultural, low-income, first-generation college, other non-traditional or underserved student populations required.

ASI Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit <http://www.asi.calpoly.edu> to complete an application and apply for positions listed below. For more information, contact the ASI Business Office in UU, Room 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

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