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News

Athletics Director Candidates On Campus Beginning This Week

Cal Poly has announced three finalists for the position of Athletics Director - Torre Chisholm of Portland State University, Don Oberhelman of San Diego State University, and Ron Prettyman of Indiana State University. Open forums for the candidates take place beginning Feb. 24.

[Read bio sketches on the candidates](#) | [Read Chisholm's interview schedule](#) | [Read Oberhelman's interview schedule](#) | [Read Prettyman's interview schedule](#)

Open Forums Begin This Week for Candidates for Vice President University Advancement

Cal Poly has announced the three finalists for its open Vice President for University Advancement position, as well as days and times for open forums with each candidate. Candidates are John W. Welty, vice president development and administration for the University of New Mexico Foundation, Inc.; Aaron Conley, vice president for development and alumni relations, University of Texas at Dallas; and Michael McCall, associate vice president & chief development officer at Cal Poly. Open forums will be held Feb. 25 for Welty, March 1 for Conley, and March 4 for McCall. Each forum will run 11:15 a.m. to noon in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center on campus.

[Read biographical sketches, curricula vitae and interview schedules for the candidates](#)

Faculty and Staff

Open Enrollment in March for New CSU Voluntary Benefit Plans

The California State University is offering new group voluntary benefit plans specifically designed to protect your income and assets. These products include: MetLaw Group Legal Plan; Group Critical Illness Insurance; Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance; Voluntary Long-Term Disability (LTD) Insurance; and Auto and Homeowners Insurance.

A special open enrollment for these plans will be held March 1 through March 31, 2011. Please note that some plans will offer a one-time opportunity during this open enrollment period to enroll without evidence of insurability.

Representatives from each plan will be on campus 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 8 in Chumash Auditorium. Interested employees should attend to find out more about these opportunities. Details, as they become available, will be posted on the [Human Resources web site](#).

IEP Accepting Applications for Australia Study 2012 Winter Program

International Education and Programs (IEP) is accepting applications for the Australia Study Winter Quarter Program 2012. This eight-week, faculty-led academic program is taught at the University of Adelaide in South Australia. Though the primary focus of this program is wine and viticulture, faculty that teach upper division GE courses (areas Cs and Ds) are preferred. Contact

Jennifer O'Brien at jeobrien@calpoly.edu or visit the [IEP faculty web site](#) for more information.

2010-11 Federal Work-Study Program Update

Because of increased use of the Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program, there are a limited number of students with FWS funds. We regret that no new FWS awards will be made this academic year, and there are no current plans to increase existing Federal Work-Study awards. Should utilization level out, the decision will be reconsidered at a later date. FWS was awarded to applicants with a high need who filed a FAFSA application before the March 2 deadline. Be sure to encourage students to complete the 2011-12 FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov starting Jan. 1. Since we were unable to grant additional requests for Federal Work-Study in 2010-11, students currently on the FWS waiting list will be given priority for FWS in 2011-12, providing they meet the need requirements and file their FAFSA before the March 2 deadline.

Increase the Visibility of Your Research and Scholarship

DigitalCommons@CalPoly, a service offered through the Robert E. Kennedy Library, provides a centralized online location to preserve and provide worldwide access to the rich variety of intellectual and scholarly work produced at Cal Poly.

Individuals representing any Cal Poly college, department, center or other campus unit may contribute scholarly content that they have authored. Examples of eligible materials include journal articles, conference proceedings, presentations, white papers, essays, technical reports and campus publications.

As part of the service, the Kennedy Library will locate copies of the work, contact publishers for copyright permissions, digitize documents, prepare data to enhance search and retrieval, and upload entries which will appear on a personalized profile page. Users will receive notifications as works are posted, and will receive monthly usage statistics for their items.

Visit the digital archive online at <http://digitalcommons.calpoly.edu>. For more information or to contribute content, contact Marisa Ramirez, Digital Repository librarian, at mramir14@calpoly.edu.

Campus Announcements

Information Security Open Forum is Today

An information security open forum is set for Wednesday, Feb. 23, from 11 a.m. to noon in UU 220. Topics include: campus security updates and current vulnerabilities; information security improvements; and how computer/file encryption works and when to use it. For more information, contact Chris Call at ext. 6-7622 or ccall@calpoly.edu.

IEP Hosts Rotary Scholarship Information Meeting Feb. 24

IEP encourages faculty and staff to encourage students interested in applying for the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to attend an Information Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 24, from 11:10 a.m. to noon in Building 38, Room 144. For more information contact Monica Schechter in the International Education and Programs Office, Building 38, Room 145. The application deadline is April 1. Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships provide funding for one academic year of study in another country. Award amounts up to \$27,000.

Cal Poly to Host Southwest Economic Theory Conference Feb. 26, 27

Cal Poly will host the the Southwest Economic Theory Conference (SWET), an annual conference on economic theory, applied theory and experiments. The conference takes place Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26 and 27. The event is open to the public, and there is no registration fee. For more information, visit the [conference web site](#).

Sage Offers All-New Noodle Bar Beginning Feb. 28

Fresh. Authentic. Bold. The all-new Noodle Bar at Sage Restaurant opens Feb. 28 and will feature Vietnamese Phở, an intensely flavorful noodle soup, for \$5.50 and Chinese Bao, perfectly steamed buns filled with items such as ginger chicken or spicy beef, for about a dollar. Quick service. Fresh and filling. For more information visit the [Sage Noodle Bar web site](#).

Student Financial Aid and Scholarship Deadline is March 2

The Financial Aid Office asks faculty and staff to inform students that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) deadline is March 2. To apply for federal aid, state aid and Cal Poly scholarships, students must complete the FAFSA every year. Questions should be directed to ext. 6-2927.

Cal Poly Housing Corporation Board Meeting is March 4

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation will hold its next meeting Friday, March 4, 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 Feb. 25. For further information about the meeting, contact Bonnie Murphy at ext. 6-1131.

Employment Equity Facilitator Training Workshops Available

The Office of Employment Equity will offer EEF Training Friday, March 4, and Tuesday, April 12, in Fisher Science, Room 290. Martha Cody, director of Employment Equity, will lead the training. Carolyn Johnson from Academic Personnel and Rhiannon Ricketts from Human Resources will be available to answer questions about faculty and staff recruitment. To enroll in the training, contact Sumi Seacat at ext. 6-7387 or sseacat@calpoly.edu.

Bella Montana, a Faculty and Staff Housing Community

Visit the Bella Montana Homes [web site](#) for available homes for sale.

Events

Google Vice President Marissa Mayer to Speak Feb. 24 at Cal Poly

Marissa Mayer, vice president for Consumer Products for Google, will present her talk "Innovation at the Googleplex" on Feb. 24 at Cal Poly. The presentation will run 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Harman Hall at the Performing Arts Center. It is free and open to the public. Mayer will look at some key insights and innovations behind Google's latest product development, as well as her secrets for career success.

[Details on the talk](#)

Theatre Department Presents 'Falsettos' Feb. 24-26 and March 3-5

The Cal Poly Theatre Department presents "Falsettos," a play by William Finn and James Lapine. Performances are set for Feb. 24-26 and March 3-5. Watch for more details.

Cal Poly Students Plan Feb. 26 Show to Raise Awareness of Depression and Suicide Prevention

Kevin Hines, who survived a suicide attempt in which he jumped off the Golden Gate Bridge, will speak Feb. 26 at Cal Poly as part of a student-coordinated event aimed at raising awareness about depression, self-harm and suicide prevention. The Feb. 26 event will include a free resource and awareness fair at 4:30 p.m. followed by a 6:30 p.m. paid show that will include Hines speaking about his experience and how to live "Mentally Well." The event will be held at Chumash Auditorium on campus.

Admission to the 6:30 show will be \$10.



[More on the awareness presentation](#)

The MET Live In HD: Gluck's Iphigenie en Tauride Feb. 26

Susan Graham and Plácido Domingo reprise their starring roles in Gluck's nuanced and elegant interpretation of this primal Greek myth Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Tenor Paul Groves also returns to Stephen Wadsworth's insightful production, first seen in 2007.

[More on Gluck's Iphigenie](#)

Cal Poly Choir's Winter Concert with the Arab Music Ensemble on Feb. 26

Over 150 musicians present music from around our world with a special emphasis on the beauty and excitement of songs from the Middle East. Dancing, solo instrumentalists and solo voices add to the pageantry and color of this festive evening. Thomas Davies and Kenneth Habib, conductors. Tickets cost \$13 and \$15 for general admission, \$12 and \$14 for seniors and \$8 for students.

[More on Choir's Winter Concert with the Arab Music Ensemble](#)



Flying Cows, Killer Rabbits – It Must Be 'Spamalot!' Feb. 28

See Monty Python's Spamalot in the Cohan Center on Monday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m. Lovingly ripped off from the classic film "Monty Python and The Holy Grail" – with book by Python's own Eric Idle – Tony Award-winning Monty Python's Spamalot tells the tale of King Arthur and His Knights as they embark on their quest for the elusive grail. Flying cows, killer rabbits, taunting Frenchmen and show-stopping musical numbers are just a few of the reasons audiences everywhere are eating up "Spamalot!" (Contains adult content and language).

[Details on Spamalot](#)

Scholar to Talk about 2010 Solar Eclipse

The Research Scholars in Residence Program will sponsor a presentation by George Alers titled "There's More to a Solar Eclipse Than Darkness" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, in the Kennedy Library, Room 510-B. The event is open to the public. Alers will discuss his experiences during the 2010 total eclipse that could only be seen crossing through the South Pacific. He will discuss the activities of the amateur astronomers attending the event, the eclipse itself and his week spent on a South Pacific island, including observations on the native islanders' daily lives. For more information, contact the Research and Graduate Programs office at research-gradprogs@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-1508.

Poet Michelle 'Mush' Lee to Perform March 2 at Cal Poly

Another Type of Groove: Spoken Word Poetry celebrates Women's History Month with featured poet Michelle "Mush" Lee on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. The event will run 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Chumash Auditorium at Cal Poly.

[Details on 'Mush's performance](#)

See Professor and Novelist Gloria Velásquez March 3





Dr. Gloria L. Velásquez is the author of a bilingual collection of poetry titled "I Used to Be a Superwoman: Superwoman Chicana and the Creator of the Roosevelt High School Series." On March 3 at VG Café, Velásquez will use her her poetry and fiction to trace her development as a socially committed artist within the context of her early life experiences of exclusion, poverty and racism. Velásquez will also highlight specific moments and individuals during the Chicano Civil Rights Struggle that shaped her social consciousness and influenced her development as a literary activist and early pioneer of Xicano/a Literature.

[For more information on Velásquez](#)

Bioterrorism is Topic of March 3 Event

The Ethnic Studies and Women's and Gender Studies departments will sponsor a talk by Gwen D'Arcangelis titled "Racialized 'Bioterror' and Feminized Nationhood: Manufacturing Risk in US Bioterrorism Discourses." The event is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in UU 220. D'Arcangelis is a postdoctoral scholar in the UC Santa Barbara Center for Nanotechnology in Society/Center for Environmental Implications of Nanotechnology and Department of Feminist Studies.

She will trace the history of post-9/11 anxiety about "bioterrorism," focusing on the role that gendered and raced constructions of "bioterrorism" disease threats play in the anthrax and smallpox scares. The event is funded by the College of Liberal Arts Lottery Speaker Funds. For more information, contact Women's and Gender Studies department at ext. 6-1525, or e-mail anash@calpoly.edu or stop by 47-25H.

Sonoma State University Ethics Professor to Discuss Sex-Robots March 4

John P. Sullins, ethics professor at Sonoma State University, will speak on "Robots and Sex: Should We Build a Love Machine" on March 4 at Cal Poly as part of the Ethics + Emerging Sciences Group's Technology, Policy & Ethics lecture series. The event is free and open to the public. It is scheduled for 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Building 33 (Fisher Science), Room 286 on campus.

[Details on the robot lecture](#)

Music Department Hosts Opera Workshop March 4 & 5

The Cal Poly Music Department presents "Classic Scenes in Opera and Broadway" March 4 at 7:30 p.m. and March 5 at 3 p.m. Students in Cal Poly's Opera Workshop will perform songs, arias, duets and ensembles from opera and musical theatre. The scenes will be cast with more than 25 Music Department voice students and will be accompanied by chamber ensemble and piano.

[Details on the Opera Workshop](#)

Kennedy Library Hosts New Series for Cal Poly Authors

Robert E. Kennedy Library introduces a new public engagement program, Conversations with Cal Poly Authors, from 10 to 11:30 am Friday, March 11, in Room 111H on the first floor of the library across from the Research Help Desk.

Each year, members of the Cal Poly community publish significant creative and scholarly books. The library is celebrating these achievements while fostering cross-college and cross-disciplinary reflection, by hosting this ongoing series of informal conversations inspired by recent Cal Poly authors' work.

The topic of conversation at this inaugural event will be Professor Hema C. Dandekar's book, "Michigan Family Farms and Farm Buildings: Landscapes of the Heart and Mind," published in 2010 by the University of Michigan.

Dandekar will give an informal talk about the book's themes and her writing process, followed by conversation with Joel Orth, assistant professor of History and Hunter Francis, director of the CAFES Center for Sustainability, as well as Q&A with other attendees. For more information, visit the [Conversations with Cal Poly Authors web site](#) or contact Eileen Akin at eakin@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-6246.

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.

#102249 – Farm Maintenance Mechanic, College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences, Farm, \$4,659 - \$6,015 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: March 4, 2011.

#102251 – Farm Maintenance and Operations Worker, College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences, Farm, temporary, six (6) month position. \$2,687 - \$4,301 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: March 4, 2011.

#102253 – MEP Academic Advisor, Student Services Professional IB, College of Engineering, Multicultural Engineering Program, \$3,102 - \$4,388 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: March 2, 2011.

#102256 – Director of Preschool STEM Discovery Lab, Administrator I, College of Liberal Arts, Psychology & Child Development. Salary is commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: March 28, 2011.

#102257 – Project Manager, Administrator II, Administration & Finance, Facility Services, temporary two-year position. Salary is commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: March 18, 2011.

Executive Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment web site at <http://calpolyjobs.org> to view detailed information about the following vacancies and to complete the management application to apply for the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application. For assistance, call Academic Personnel at ext. 6-6570.

#102245 – Provost, Administrator IV, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: March, 18, 2011.

#102203 – Dean, College of Engineering, Administrator IV, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Jan. 12, 2011.

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.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.

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. To view job postings and/or apply for any regular-benefited position at Cal Poly Corporation, please visit our [web site](#). For assistance contact Human Resources at ext. 6-1121.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.

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.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.

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