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Biology Professor Pens Guide to California Trees

Biology professor Matt Ritter has written a nationally recognized book about trees in California. "A Californian's Guide to the Trees Among Us" is a natural history and identification guide to native and cultivated urban and suburban trees, with beautiful photos, all new identification keys, and foreword written by Dr. Peter Raven, president emeritus of the Missouri Botanical Garden. The book features more than 150 of California's most commonly grown trees. The book is published by Heyday and will be available in late March. More information on the book can be found at <http://www.heydaybooks.com/upcoming/a-californians-guide-to-the-tr.html>. More information about Ritter, including local speaking events, can be found at <http://web.me.com/mayritter/Ritter/Home.html>.

Lifestyle Intervention Controls Pregnancy Weight Gain, According to Cal Poly Researcher's Study

Pregnant women avoid unhealthy weight gain and return to their normal weight post-delivery at much higher rates if they receive personalized nutrition and exercise monitoring and support throughout their pregnancy, according to a study led by Cal Poly Kinesiology Professor Suzanne Phelan. The study was published in February by the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. "We found that preventing excessive weight gain during pregnancy is possible through a low-intensity lifestyle intervention that promotes frequent self-weighing, reducing fast food and soda consumption, and engaging in moderate physical activity at least five days a week," Phelan said.

[Read more on Phelan's study](#)

Faculty and Staff

Professor Earns National Distinguished Faculty Award

Cal Poly Architecture Professor Thomas Fowler received the 2010-11 Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Distinguished Professor Award at the 99th ACSA Annual Meeting, held March 3-6 in Montreal, Quebec. Fowler received the award for his sustained creative achievement in the advancement of architectural education through teaching, design, scholarship, research and service.

[More on Fowler](#)

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 1-31, 2011. 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](#).

CSU Risk Management Authority Presents March 29 Training on Stress Amid Budget Challenges

California State University Risk Management Authority is sponsoring on-site training titled "Change Management During Challenging Budget Times" from 2 to 4 p.m. March 29 in University Union 220. The training, specifically for non-supervisory staff and faculty, will identify current stressors facing CSU faculty and staff, and provide a conceptual framework and tools for handling stressful life events, particularly during this challenging budget period. Seating is limited; if you are interested in attending, RSVP to kstubber@calpoly.edu or call ext. 6-5407.

Campus Announcements

Office of Institutional Planning & Analysis Publishes Fall 2010 Fact Book

Cal Poly's Office of Institutional Planning & Analysis has published the Fall 2010 issue of the Fact Book. This is an annual, comprehensive publication of historical trend data on admissions, enrollment, degrees awarded, faculty/staff data and financial aid for the university. The Fall 2010 Fact Book, along with previous issues, can be found at the IP&A web site at:

http://www.ipa.calpoly.edu/publications_reports/factbook/index.html.

Hosts Needed for Learn by Dining

The Alumni Association and POLY REPS are looking for a few more hosts for this year's "Learn by Dining." It's an alumni-student event modeled after UCLA's successful "Dinner with 12 Strangers." On one night – April 9 – alumni and community members around San Luis Obispo County will host up to 12 students and a faculty member in their home for dinner. Hosts are expected to provide the venue and dinner, while the Alumni office and POLY REPS serve as the liaison between hosts and guests. To sign up to host a dinner or for more information, visit http://alumni.calpoly.edu/students/learn_by_dining.html.

Thursday Lecture to Touch on Recent Uprisings in Africa and Middle East

Nancy Gallagher, a history professor and chair of the Middle East Studies Program at UC Santa Barbara, will speak at 11 a.m. Thursday in Philips Hall about "The Uprisings in North Africa and the Middle East and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts, Philosophy Department and Religious Studies Program are sponsoring the hour-long talk, which is part of an occasional series called "Perspectives on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." For additional information, contact Stephen R. Lloyd-Moffett at ext. 6-2475 or slloydmo@calpoly.edu.

Women's & Gender Studies Scholarship Nominations Under Way

The Women's & Gender Studies department is now accepting nominations for the following scholarships: the Susan Currier Memorial Scholarship; the James M. Duenow Scholarship; the Vicki and Darell Farrer Scholarship; the Steve Harmon Scholarship; the L. Diane Ryan Scholarship; the Nell E. Spradlin Scholarship for the Recognition of Individuality; and the Shirley H. Walker Scholarship. Visit the [Women's & Gender Studies web site](#) for scholarship criteria and nomination instructions, or contact Andrea Nash at anash@calpoly.edu. Deadline for nominations is Monday, April 11.

Employment Equity Facilitator Training Workshops Available

The Office of Employment Equity will offer EEF Training on Tuesday, April 12, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. 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.

Sage Restaurant and Noodle Bar will be open March 13 during PAC's "One Night of Queen"

Sage Restaurant will be open for dinner Sunday, March 13 before the acclaimed performance "One Night of Queen" at the PAC. Located conveniently across the street from the Performing Arts Center, Sage Restaurant will be open for dinner 5 to 8 p.m. March 13. More info at www.sagerestaurantslo.com or call ext. 6-1204.

Save 10 Percent at Lucy's Juice with Campus Express

Use Campus Express and receive an additional 10 percent off your purchases at Lucy's Juice during March. Lucy's is located behind the Sandwich Factory and is open 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Bella Montana, a Faculty and Staff Housing Community

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

Events

Cal Poly Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Celebrates Women Entrepreneurs at March 10 Forum

To recognize and learn from women business leaders, Cal Poly's Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship is inviting community members to join with students, faculty and alumni in "Celebrating Women Entrepreneurs" at the Entrepreneurship Forum scheduled for March 10 at 5 p.m. at the Cal Poly Tech Park.

[Details on the entrepreneur talk](#)

Kennedy Library Hosts New Series for Cal Poly Authors March 11

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.



Cal Poly 'Just Jazz' Concert on March 12 to Benefit Tour to Puerto Rico

Cal Poly's University Jazz Bands, in preparation for their tour of Puerto Rico this June, will present a fundraising concert titled "Just Jazz" at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 12, in the Spanos Theatre on campus. The concert will feature two big bands and two jazz combos. The ensembles will present a wide array of jazz – from traditional, mainstream jazz to



current experiments with modern forms of jazz by today's best composers. There will be a scorching blues originally recorded by Blood, Sweat and Tears, titled "Somethin' Goin' On," as well as a funk masterpiece called "Mo Moleids," and a hip-hop piece, "Nightfall," by San Francisco big band The Realistic Orchestra. For more information, visit the Music

Department Web calendar. Tickets available from the Performing Arts Ticket Office.

[Find out more about the March 12 show](#)

Experience 'One Night of Queen' on March 13

Queen frontman Freddie Mercury lives on in "One Night of Queen" and accurate and faithfully-performed spectacle coming to the Cohan Center on Sunday, March 13. Showtime is 7 p.m. More than simply a tribute band, this touring two-hour stage show pays homage to the stage theatrics and music of Queen. Performed by The Works, a five-piece band headed by Gary Mullen, this unique event has sold out venues across Europe and the U.S. The tribute features Queen's greatest hits, including "We Are the Champions" and "Bohemian Rhapsody."

[Details on "One Night of Queen"](#)

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.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.

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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