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News

Debra Larson Named Dean of Cal Poly Engineering

Debra Larson, a civil engineering professor and Academic Affairs administrator with Northern Arizona University, has been named the new dean of Cal Poly Engineering, university President Jeffrey D. Armstrong has announced. Larson, 54, will join Cal Poly Aug. 22, taking the reins of the university's largest college with about 5,000 students, 13 degree programs, and more than 80 laboratories. "Debra understands Cal Poly thoroughly and brings an excellent blend of experience as an administrator and faculty member," Armstrong said. "She knows that our primary mission is undergraduate education, that our highest priority is student success, and that Learn by Doing is an integral part of the Cal Poly experience."

[More about Larson](#)



Brendan Buckley Takes the Reins of Cal Poly Wrestling



Brendan Buckley, head wrestling coach at Columbia University in New York the last 11 seasons, has been named Cal Poly's head wrestling coach. Buckley assumed his new role July 5. "Brendan has an excellent record in developing student-athletes," said Mustang Athletics Director Don Oberhelman. "Brendan has demonstrated that he knows how to fulfill his first responsibility as a coach, making sure we honor our commitment to our student-athletes' academic achievement. We've hired the right coach to ensure we continue to honor those ideals. Brendan believes, as I do, that all of our student-athletes should strive to leave Cal Poly with a diploma and a championship."

[More about Buckley](#)

Campus

New Provider Announced for Employee Assistance Program

As of July 1, Cal Poly has a new Employee Assistance Program provider, Community Action EAP Inc. The Employee Assistance Program website can be found at: <http://employeequity.calpoly.edu/eap.html>, or access Community Action EAP Inc. directly by visiting <http://www.caeap.com>. To access all of the site's capabilities, users are required to use "CalPoly" (not case sensitive) as both the login and password and check the box agreeing to the terms of use. Community Action EAP can be reached at 1-800-777-9376. Employees and any member of the employee's family, including spouse, domestic partner/significant other, or children may request services. EAP services are strictly confidential as required by law. More information about the program and services will be provided to the campus community in the coming months.

New Web-Based Application for Email Distribution Lists to Debut in August

In August, ITS will replace the UNIX Alias Manager with Sympa, a web-based application for creating and managing email distribution lists. Existing class, department, unit and club aliases will be migrated to Sympa on Aug. 9. Current alias owners will not need to do anything prior to the migration. All membership, ownership and privacy settings will be retained. After the migration, the "polymail" portion of the list address will no longer be used. Aliases will be renamed from listname@polymail.calpoly.edu to listname@calpoly.edu. Visit the ITS Service Desk site at <http://servicedesk.calpoly.edu> for the latest Sympa information and training schedules. List owners are encouraged to read online materials and attend a demo or hands-on training session.

Membership for 2011-12 Senate Executive Committee Announced

The Academic Senate is pleased to announce its Executive Committee membership for the 2011-12 academic year: Rachel Fernflores, chair; Steve Rein, vice chair; Manzar Foroohar, statewide senator; Jim LoCascio, statewide senator; Robert Koob,

provost; Bruno Giberti, CAED caucus chair; Doris Derelian, CAFES caucus chair; Lee Burgunder, OCOB caucus chair; Eric Mehiel, CENG caucus chair; Lewis Call, CLA caucus chair; Kris Jankovits, CSM Caucus chair; and Shannon Stephens, Professional Consultative Services caucus chair.

Faculty and Staff

Ethnic Studies Professor Victor Valle Selected as Radcliffe Institute Fellow

Ethnic Studies Professor Victor Valle has been named a 2011-12 fellow at the The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University. He is among 6 percent of applicants accepted to explore the boundaries of innovative, multidisciplinary study. He will join 51 distinguished women and men at the forefront of the sciences, humanities, social sciences, arts and professions at the institute for the academic year. Valle and his colleagues will focus on innovative individual projects and research while benefiting from a multidisciplinary community of fellows. Valle will dedicate his time at Radcliffe to researching and writing "The Aesthetics of Fire: On The Art of Chile Eating." The book will blend "cultural history, memoir and aesthetic philosophy that interprets the ways North America's capsicum (pepper) aficionados understand and express the fruit's beauty, including its piquancy," Valle said.

[Read more on Valle](#)

Food Science Professor Hany Khalil Trains Women Entrepreneurs in Liberia

Food Science Professor Hany Khalil spent two weeks in Monrovia, Liberia, in June and July training women entrepreneurs on food processing and preservation. The workshop participants were women interested in starting a small food-preservation business or expanding their existing operation. Many of the participants already produced and sold food products, including dry leaves, fried plantain chips, hot sauce, ground beans and rice, and sesame seeds. The workshop included basic food safety training and guidelines to help participants reduce instances of food-borne illness. The workshop was funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Agricultural Cooperative Development International/Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance (ACDI/VOCA). For additional information, contact Khalil at 6-2852 or hkhalil@calpoly.edu.

Early Notice of Deadline for Extramural Funding Initiative (EFI) Proposals

The Extramural Funding Initiative provides support to assist faculty in submitting competitive proposals for extramural funding. The deadline to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants, assigned time and additional compensation for 2012 is 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7. For full application and submission instructions, visit the [Research and Graduate Programs website](#) or call the RGP office at ext. 6-1508.

Retirement Reception for Cathy Rathbone

Cathy Rathbone, Advancement Records coordinator in Advancement Services, is retiring this month after more than 30 years at Cal Poly. Join us at a reception to wish her farewell, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. July 15 in the Alumni House. For more details, contact Mariam Emyan at 6-1439 or memyan@calpoly.edu.

Reorganization Announced for University Advancement

University Advancement announced a reorganization following Bob Stets' retirement as associate vice president for finance and operations. To spread responsibilities rather than fill the position, Interim Advancement Vice President Bob Koob has asked Cassie Carter, who has been serving as director of donor relations, to take on additional duties overseeing University Advancement's budget and financial operations, data systems and Advancement Services. In addition, Tracee de Hahn, who has been serving as director of alumni relations, will take on the added responsibility for managing the Cal Poly Annual Fund as well as parent and student philanthropy activities. Carter's new title is associate vice president for advancement operations; de Hahn becomes assistant vice president for alumni relations. Both now report directly to the University Advancement vice president.

Catastrophic Leave

Sharon Degnan

Sharon Degnan, accounting technician in Fiscal Services, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Sharon remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Marilyn Carlson at ext. 6-6085 or mdcarlso@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Elizabeth Hadley

Elizabeth Hadley, administrative support assistant in Health Services, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Elizabeth remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Sara Thomson in Health Services at ext. 6-5279 or sbthomso@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Campus Announcements

Cal Poly Farm Market and U-Pick Are Open

The Horticulture and Crop Science Department invites everyone for a peach u-pick and a visit to the Farm Market for sustainably grown fruit and organic vegetables. The Farm Market and u-pick are located at the Crops Unit. From Santa Rosa Street/Highway 1, enter campus on Highland Drive and follow the signs. The Farm Market is open 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. E-mail questions to cpcitrusandavo@yahoo.com or call 756-2296. For more information about the Cal Poly Organic Farm, visit <http://aepe.calpoly.edu/organics>.

Statistical Consulting Service Available to Campus Through Aug. 15

The Statistics Department will provide statistical consulting services to the campus community through Aug. 15. The intent is to provide support to faculty, staff and students on projects and research. Consulting is under way. Steve Rein serves as the main consultant. He is available to advise on data collection, experimental design, and analysis of research projects. He is also available to lead seminars or tutorials on requested topics and offer advice on various computer packages available at Cal Poly. Lectures might also be available to groups with special areas of statistical inference. For more information, scheduling or to make an appointment, visit the Statistics Department home page at www.calpoly.edu/~stat.

SAFER to Present Sessions July 18 and Aug. 25 on Sexual Assault Topics

Human Resources will sponsor two sessions on topics related to sexual assault, presented by SAFER, Cal Poly's sexual assault resource and prevention program. The sessions will be held in UU220. The first is set for 10-11 a.m. Monday, July 18. The second identical session will be held 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25. Topics to be covered include sexual assault myths and facts, what to do if a survivor discloses to you, available resources, and prevention strategies. Time will be reserved at the end for questions.

Cal Poly Foundation Board to Meet Aug. 6

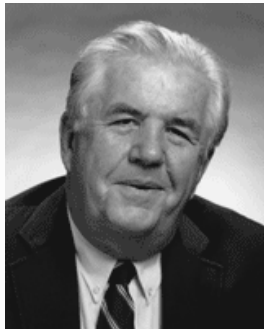
The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its next meeting, which is open to the public, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Poly Canyon Village. For more information or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call the Cal Poly Foundation office at ext. 6-1445.

Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community Has Homes for Sale

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

In Memoriam

Eugene O'Connor



Eugene (Gene) O'Connor, a retired professor of marketing in the Orfalea College of Business, died April 18, 2011. O'Connor had been a resident of San Luis Obispo since 1964 and loved teaching at Cal Poly. With his students and those around him, O'Connor also advocated good manners and behavior, correct use of language, and the idea that mediocrity was not an option.

[More on O'Connor](#)

Events

U. S. Coast Guard Band to Perform Free Concert
July 16

The U.S. Coast Guard Band will perform a free concert of American music at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 16, in Harman Hall of the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center. Under the direction of Cmdr. Kenneth W. Megan, the band will weave a rich tapestry of patriotic and classical works. The concert is free and open to the public; however, tickets are required from the [Performing Arts Ticket Office](#). For more information call SLO-ARTS (756-2787).



Learn About Volcanoes Across the Solar System July 19

Learn about volcanoes on Earth and across our solar system Tuesday, July 19, in a free public lecture by Rosaly Lopes, a senior research scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Lopes will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Room 123 of Building 8 (Ag Engineering).

Four Distinguished Poets Perform Readings June 21 and July 22

Cal Poly English professor and poet David Kann and his daughter, poet Rachel Kann, will present their poems Friday, July 22, as part of the annual reading series sponsored by the Cal Poly English Department's creative writing program.

[For more on the poets and their works](#)

Cal Poly Collegians Alumni Big Band to Play at Madonna Inn Aug. 27

Continuing a decade-long tradition, the Cal Poly Collegians Alumni Big Band will perform in the Madonna Inn Ballroom from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27. The band, featuring 20 musicians from across California and beyond, will recreate the swinging sounds of big bands of the 1940s through the '60s. Two winners of the 2011-12 Collegians' Jazz Scholarship will join in the performance: music majors Dylan Weddle, trumpet, and Jonathan Withem, percussion. For more information, visit the [Music Department Web calendar](#).

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.

#102352 – Director, Cal Poly Fund, Administrator II, University Advancement. Salary is commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins Aug. 5, 2011.

#102354 – On-Call Athletics Strength and Conditioning Intern, Helper Aid, Academic Affairs - Athletics. Temp On-Call through May 31, 2012, with possible extension. \$8.00-\$16.20 per hour. Open until filled. Review begins July 15, 2011.

#102359 – University Scheduling Analyst, Administrative Analyst/Specialist - Exempt I, Academic Affairs - University Scheduling. \$3,845-\$5,770 per month. Open until filled. Review begins July 15, 2011.

****INTERNAL ONLY**** #102360 – Continuing Education Operations Analyst, Administrative Analyst/Specialist - Exempt I, Academic Affairs - Continuing Education. \$3,845-\$5,770 per month. Close date: July 15, 2011.

#102361 – Analyst/Programmer – Career, ITS - Information Management. \$4,314-\$8,831 per month. Hiring range: \$4,314-\$7,224 per month. Open until filled. Review begins July 18, 2011.

#102363 – Administrative Support Assistant II, College of Science and Mathematics – Physics. \$2,505-\$3,758 per month. Close date: July 15, 2011.

#102364 – Administrative Support Coordinator II, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences - Dean's Office. \$3,074-\$4,615 per month. Open until filled. Review begins July 15, 2011.

#102367 – Temp Emergency Clerical Pool, Temporary clerical positions (90-day maximum). ASA I - \$12.05-\$18.08 per hour; ASA II - \$14.45-\$21.68 per hour; ASC I - \$16.20-\$24.30 per hour; ASC II - \$17.73 - 26.63 per hour. Continuous hiring through Dec. 31, 2011.

#102368 – Men's Basketball Team Intern, Helper Aid, Academic Affairs – Athletics. Temporary, one-year appointment. \$8.00-\$16.20 per hour. Open until filled. Review begins July 22, 2011.

****REVISED**** #102371 - Financial Services Technician, Accounting Technician I, Administration and Finance Division - Performing Arts Center. Temporary one-year appointment. \$2,674-\$4,013 per month. Open until filled. Review begins July 22, 2011.

#102373 – Assistant Vice Provost for Programs and Planning, Administrator III, Academic Affairs - Academic Programs. Salary is commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins Aug. 4, 2011.

#102374 – Analyst Programmer – Career, ITS - DBA Support. \$4,314-\$8,831 per month, Hiring range: \$4,314-\$7,224 per month. Open Until Filled. Review begins Aug. 8, 2011.

#102375 – Budget Analyst, Administrative Analyst/Specialist – Non-exempt. College of Science and Mathematics – Biological Science. \$3,245-\$5,193 per month. Open until filled. Review begins July 22, 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.

#102365, Full-Time Lecturer – Aerospace Engineering, Aerospace Engineering Department, College of Engineering, ext. 6-7537. Review begins Aug. 8, 2011.

#102358, Full-Time Lecturer – Physics, Physics Department, College of Science and Mathematics, ext. 6-1752. Review begins July 20, 2011.

#102366, Marine Conservation Tenure Track – Biological Sciences, Biological Sciences Department, College of Science and Mathematics, ext. 6-5242. Review begins Sept. 2, 2011.

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, 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.

Assistant Coordinator – Marketing (two-year temporary position). \$41,550.33/year. Open until filled. Review begins June 27, 2011.

Maintenance Technician. \$19.80/hour. Open until filled. Review begins July 5, 2011.

Building Service Worker/Custodial position(s) start November 2011. (**Seeking male and female applicants**). \$13.41/hour. Open until filled. Review begins July 5, 2011.

