



Cal Poly Report - Sept. 28, 2011

News

Deborah Read Named Vice President for University Advancement and CEO of the Cal Poly Foundation

Deborah Read, who brings nearly three decades of experience in higher education fundraising, has been named Cal Poly's new vice president for university advancement and CEO of the Cal Poly Foundation. Read is currently vice president for university advancement at the University of Dayton in Ohio. Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong cited Read's breadth and depth as a career fundraiser and administrator. "I am confident," Armstrong said, "that we are adding a proven leader with deep experience at a time when Cal Poly absolutely must develop more philanthropic support for our Learn by Doing programs."

[More on Read's appointment](#)

[See Read's resume and curriculum vitae](#)

[See Read's statement on "Higher Education and Philanthropy"](#)



Provost Candidate Visits Continue Through Oct. 7

Candidates for the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs continue to visit campus through Oct. 7. Cheryl B. Schrader, associate vice president in the Division of Research at Boise State University, visited campus Sept. 26-27. The three remaining candidates, along with their visitation dates, are:

- Andrew J. Grosovsky, dean, College of Science and Mathematics, University of Massachusetts Boston
Sept. 29-30, 2011;

- Brenda Case Scheer, dean, College of Architecture and Planning, University of Utah
Oct. 3-4, 2011; and

- Kathleen Enz Finken provost and vice chancellor, Academic Affairs, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
Oct. 6-7, 2011.

Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the open forum scheduled for each of the three remaining finalists to be held in Advanced Technologies Laboratory, from 9:15-10:30 a.m. on: Friday, Sept. 30; Tuesday, Oct. 4; and Friday, Oct. 7. The curricula vitae, interview schedules and statements of all four finalists are accessible at:

www.academic-personnel.calpoly.edu/content/announce.

Faculty and Staff



Cal Poly Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences Receives Grant to Train US Soldiers

The USDA Foreign Ag Service has awarded a two-year, \$650,000 grant to Cal Poly, CSU Fresno, Colorado State University, and Southern Illinois



University to fund the Agricultural Development for Afghanistan Pre-deployment Training (ADAPT). The project will offer workshops on basic Afghan agriculture to the National Guard Agribusiness Development Teams and U.S. government personnel preparing for deployment to Afghanistan. The goal is to improve agricultural practices in Afghanistan and ensure food security and economic development. Training will focus on simple, effective and affordable problem-solving approaches related to

Afghan agriculture throughout the nation's different provinces. Cal Poly Food Science and Nutrition Professor Hany Khalil has worked with Afghan farmers and the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) and will serve as Cal Poly's project manager. Students Danielle Hamaker (FDSC) and Andrew Fintamag (ROTC cadet) will assist Khalil with designing the practical component of the training.

Professor Awarded \$3 Million Research Grant to Aid Low-Income Mothers

Kinesiology Professor Suzanne Phelan has received a \$3 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to develop new ways to help low-income mothers return to their pre-pregnancy weight within a year of giving birth. Phelan, of Cal Poly's STRIDE center (Science through Translational Research in Diet and Exercise), will work with low-income mothers in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties for the study. Phelan, STRIDE researchers and Cal Poly students will offer an online weight-loss program to a target group of 410 new mothers served by 12 Central Coast WIC (Women, Infants and Children) clinics. It will be the first in the nation to document and evaluate the effects of an Internet-based postpartum weight loss program in low-income women. The study will run from 2012 to 2016. The program was developed by Phelan at Cal Poly and Professor Deborah Tate at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. If study results show it's successful, the program could be expanded and offered through WIC clinics throughout California and beyond.

Campus Announcements

Green Campus Team Launches Office Building Certification Program

Cal Poly's Green Campus team has worked diligently over the summer to start a new campuswide initiative called Green Campus Certification, which involves a brief assessment of office buildings on campus aimed at determining more efficient methods of energy usage. President Jeffrey D. Armstrong recently signed a campuswide agreement to have all offices on campus undergo the certification.

There are four award levels available, based on a point system that evaluates energy consumption and willingness to increase an office's energy savings. Several offices have already undergone the assessment, with Environmental Health and Safety earning platinum certification and Facilities earning gold. Both offices were flexible and open to changes in operation that included using 100 percent recycled paper, duplex printing, and replacement of lights with CFLs and other energy efficient lighting.

When your building is ready to be assessed, contact team manager Ravi Sahai at rsahai@calpoly.edu. The process is simple and makes a difference. For more information about the program, visit the [Green Campus website](#) or check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Green-Campus-Program-Cal-Poly/80222012710.

October is Rideshare Month

October is Rideshare Month, and Commuter and Access Services encourages all Cal Poly staff and faculty to participate by trying transit, carpooling, biking, vanpooling or walking to campus. The office will host an informational booth at the Via Carta Mall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, with prizes, informational materials and giveaways. For regional activities and information about the "Commute for Cash" contest, visit www.iRideshare.org.

MultiCultural Center and Community Center Co-Host Weekly Civic Responsibility Talk

The MultiCultural Center and The Community Center are co-hosting weekly discussions for faculty, staff and students from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays in UU 217. Each discussion will focus on an issue of civic responsibility, approached through discussions of a reading. Bring your own lunch. Participation is limited to 15 people per session, and spaces will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. To RSVP, contact Joy Harkins at jharkins@calpoly.edu. For more information, visit the [Multicultural Center website](#).

Kennedy Library Launches New Mobile-Friendly Site

The Robert E. Kennedy Library has launched a new mobile-friendly site at <http://m.lib.calpoly.edu/> for users with iPhones or Android devices. Users can check library hours from the bus; look for an available computer on real-time maps; find books, articles and databases; and use research guides. Instead of walking from floor to floor, users can consult their phones to see maps of computer locations and availability and find the computers that offer the assistive technologies they may need. It's new, real-time information about what computers are available in the library. Users still have the option to visit the full [library website](#) instead of the mobile-formatted site if they prefer, or if they require additional services not offered in a mobile-friendly format.

Open Enrollment Coming Oct. 10

CalPERS has announced the open enrollment dates for the 2012 plan year. This year, making open enrollment changes will be just a few clicks away, as state employees will make their desired changes through the convenience of the Cal Poly portal. The "eBenefits" feature allows employees to view their current benefits and easily make open enrollment elections. Make changes from your home or, if you prefer, there will be a series of opportunities to enroll with benefits staff. And a benefits fair is scheduled for Oct. 19. Watch for details in future emails, and on the [Human Resources Benefits website](#).

Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic Announced for Oct. 4

Employment Equity has partnered with Maxim Health Systems to offer the annual Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic for faculty and staff from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 in UU 220. Only the seasonal influenza shot is being offered at this clinic, for \$25. The immunization will be administered by health professionals. Employees are welcome to bring family members. Payment may be made with a check or cash. No appointment is necessary. However, to avoid long lines, you can schedule your immunization in a half-hour window. For additional information or questions about this year's clinic, contact Sumi Seacat at sseacat@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-7387.

Staff Members Sought for Campuswide Committees

Permanent or probationary staff employees are needed to fill vacancies on the campuswide committees indicated below. There is one vacancy on each committee.

- Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee (no term limit)
- Campus Fee Advisory Committee (2011-12)
- Committee on University Citizenship (2011-13)
- Disability Access and Compliance Committee (2011-13)
- Inclusive Excellence Council (IEC) (2011-14)
- Status of Women Committee (2011-13)
- Substance Use and Abuse Advisory Committee (2011-13)
- University Committee on Committees (2011-12)

For information about the committees and an application form, visit the [Human Resources website](#). Interested candidates must complete the application, obtain appropriate signatures and return it to Human Resources by Sept. 28. For questions, contact Joan Beightler at ext. 6-5426.

Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association to Meet Sept. 30

The Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association (CLFSA) will hold its first meeting of the 2011-12 academic year from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 in the Alan A. Erhart Agriculture Building, Room 241. All current and interested members are welcome. The CLFSA is open to all faculty and staff interested in issues pertaining to our Latino students, staff and faculty. Visit the [CLFSA website](#) for more information about our organization. To add your name to the email list for future notifications about meetings and events or for more information, contact Debra Valencia-Laver, CLFSA secretary, at dvalenc@calpoly.edu.

CSU International Programs has New, Earlier Application Deadline

Cal Poly's International Education & Programs Office announces that the CSU International Programs has established a Dec. 15, 2011 deadline for applications. This deadline, which applies to all countries except Australia and South Africa, is much earlier than the winter quarter deadline of prior years. CSU IP participants earn resident academic credit at their CSU campuses while they pursue full-time study at a host university or special study center abroad. CSU IP serves the needs of students in more than 100 designated academic majors. Affiliated with more than 70 recognized universities and institutions of higher education in 18 countries, CSU IP offers a wide selection of study locales and learning environments. Universities around the world are establishing earlier application deadlines, and the visa regulations for U.S. students wanting to go abroad continue to become more stringent. In response, CSU IP has implemented an earlier application deadline. Learn more on [CSU IP website](#). Students are encouraged to contact the IP Coordinator Monica Schechter at mschecht@calpoly.edu, regarding the application and selection process.

ASI Children's Center has Immediate Preschool-Kindergarten Openings

The Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center has immediate openings for 4- and 5-year-olds in the combined preschool and kindergarten classroom. Children are considered eligible for kindergarten this academic year if they will reach age 5 on or before Dec. 2, 2011. The ASI Children's Center offers a non-traditional developmental kindergarten program that allows children to learn and grow at their own pace. The center emphasizes social competence and intellectual development. The kindergarten classroom operates from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended care available at no additional cost. Please submit your application to the ASI Children's Center indicating your interest in the 4- and 5-year-old program. Younger children may be added to our center waiting list, and families will be contacted when an opening becomes available for their child. Contact the center at ext. 6-1267 for more information and to obtain an application.

New Short-Term Housing for University Sponsored Guests

The Cal Poly Corporation now offers a fully furnished two-bedroom, one-bathroom unit to visiting and transitioning guests of sponsored university departments. The corporation joins the Orfalea College of Business in providing this service to university departments. For additional details, visit the [Corporate Housing website](#). Contact Ann Roy at the Cal Poly Corporation for details, pricing, and availability at ext. 6-1131 or aroy@calpoly.edu.

Sage Restaurant Unveils New Burger Bar

Sage Restaurant is pleased to introduce the all-new Burger Bar, featuring a unique range of gourmet burgers, fresh salads, crisp-cut fries and homespun milkshakes. Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Enjoy yourself in our warm, casual restaurant. Visit [Sage's website](#) for more details.

All You Care To Eat for As Low As \$5? Only with Fast Pass

Cal Poly Dining introduces Fast Pass -- the smart new way to dine on campus. Purchase Lunch Passes to dine at new all-you-care-to-eat restaurant 19 Metro station for as low as \$5 for lunch. Get yours today on the [Campus Dining website](#).

Deadline Approaching 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.

Human Resources Invites Employees to a Financial Seminar Presented by ING

Human Resources is pleased to invite Cal Poly employees to a financial seminar presented by ING -- one of five CSU Tax Sheltered Annuity (403(b)) fund sponsors. The event will be held at noon Sept. 28 in the left wing of Chumash Auditorium. Human Resources is not specifically endorsing ING or any of the other four fund sponsors (Fidelity Investments, VALIC, MetLife and TIAA-CREF). General tax shelter/deferred compensation program information and fund sponsor contact information is always available on the [Human Resources website](#).

Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community Has Homes for Sale

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

Retirements

Cindee Bennett-Thompson

After 35 years of service to Cal Poly, Cindee Bennett-Thompson, associate director of Admissions in the Admissions, Recruitment & Financial Aid division, is retiring. Cindee began her career in 1976 in the former Relations with Schools Office and has been immersed in working with prospective and new students throughout her time at Cal Poly. Among her accomplishments is establishing the visitor service and campus tour program and the Poly Reps student service organization. She now leads the Processing Unit in Admissions. By her own request, no reception will be held. Those who know Cindee should feel free to drop by the Admissions Office in Room 206 of the Administration Building to reminisce and wish her well. Her last working day on campus will be Oct. 17.

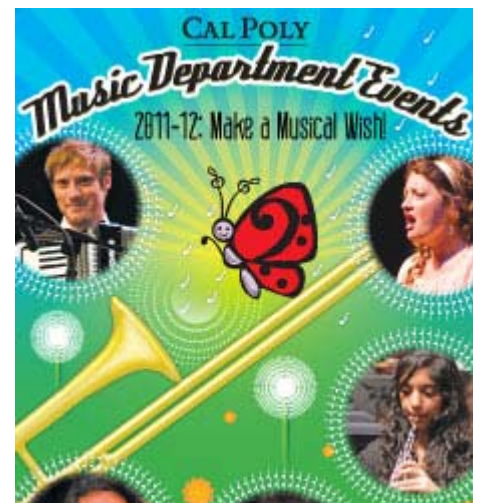
Events

'Drawn In' Group Drawing Exhibition Opens Sept. 30 at the University Art Gallery

The University Art Gallery opens the season with "Drawn In," a group drawing show featuring a diverse collection of work created by seven very different artists. In the last decade, drawing has moved well beyond the preparatory sketch. Contemporary drawing encompasses not only pencil-on-paper but also mixed media, conceptual drawings and installations. "Drawn In" will feature a variety of styles in contemporary drawing — not as part of the creative process to inform other work — but as the final expression. The exhibition presents work by Joe Biel, Benjamin Britton, Sarah Lowing, Alison Byrnes, Ephraim Puusemp, Natalie Settles, and Jay Stuckey. "Drawn In" runs Sept. 30-Oct. 29. A panel discussion about art and drawing will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. Sept. 30 in the Dexter Building, Room 227. An opening reception at the University Art Gallery will follow the lecture from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information visit the university [Art Gallery website](#). The University Art Gallery is located in the Dexter Building, Room 171. The exhibit is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is always free.

Music Department Announces 2011-12 Event Season

Cal Poly Music Department's new event season, titled "2011-12: Make a Musical Wish!" starts with four vocal events in October. Soprano Patricia Caicedo will present a vocal master class Tuesday, Oct. 11, with Cal Poly students, followed by a recital Thursday, Oct. 13, at which she will sing a collection of folkloric and contemporary art songs from Latin America and Spain. Caicedo is considered one of the world's leading authorities on Latin American art song. She founded Mundo Arts, a company that publishes and distributes Latin American art song, and she runs the Barcelona Festival of Song. Tenor Christopher M. Cock will present a recital Thursday, Oct. 20, and a master class Tuesday, Oct. 25. For the recital, he will sing Franz Schubert's "Winterreise," Op. 89. Cock is director of choral



and vocal activities at Valparaiso University (Indiana), holds the Phyllis and Richard Duesenberg Chair in Lutheran Music and is director of the Bach Institute.

At least a dozen more events -- including several free ones -- will follow in the fall. For more information and a complete list of events for the 2011-12 season, visit the [Music Department's website](#), send email to music@calpoly.edu, or call ext. 6-2406. Printed versions of the event brochure are available upon request. Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call SLO-ARTS (805-756-2787). A 10 percent discount is given to patrons who buy season tickets to four events; a 15 percent discount is offered for five or more events.



Prize-Winning Author, Playwright Caryl Phillips to Speak Oct. 6

Caryl Phillips, prize-winning author and playwright, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 in Room 220 in the University Union. His talk, titled "Growing Pains," is based on his latest book, "Color Me English: Migration and Belonging Before and After 9/11." The presentation will explore Phillips' encounter with racism at a very early age and will include a reading from the book. Phillips' appearance at Cal Poly is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Ethnic Studies Department, ext. 6-1707 or ethnicstudies@calpoly.edu.

SETI Director to Speak Oct. 8 on Campus



Jill Tarter, director, Center for SETI Research at the SETI Institute in Mountain View, Calif., will speak Oct. 8 at Cal Poly on the search for intelligent life elsewhere in the universe. The talk, titled "Are We Alone?," will run 7 to 9 p.m. in the Business Rotunda (Building 3, Room 213). Tarter's work with the Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) has brought her wide recognition in the scientific community, including two Public Service Medals from NASA. In 2004 Time Magazine named her one of the Time 100 most influential people in the world. Tarter was one of three TED prize-winners in 2009 and was a recipient of the Silicon Valley Women of Influence 2010 Award. Her work was the basis for Jodie Foster's character, Ellie Arroway, in the film "Contact." This event is sponsored by The Forum, the Cal Poly Astronomical Society, the Central Coast Astronomical Society, and CESaME (the Cal Poly Center for Excellence in Science and Math Education). For more information on the talk, visit www.facebook.com/theforumatpoly or <http://theforumatpoly.com/talks/jilltarter>.

Valparaiso University Director of Choral, Vocal Activities to Give Recital, Master Class Oct. 20 and 25

Christopher M. Cock, director of choral and vocal activities at Valparaiso University in Indiana, will present a vocal recital and master class at Cal Poly. At the recital at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, the tenor will perform Franz Schubert's "Winterreise," Op. 89, one of the most significant song cycles in the history of Western composition. The master class will be Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 5 p.m. During the class, several Cal Poly Music Department's leading voice students will perform and be critiqued.

Admission is \$5 at the door for the recital. The master class is free. Both events will be in Room 218 of the Davidson Music Center (Building 45) on campus. Seating is limited. For more information, visit the [Music Department web calendar](#).

Performing Arts Center to Host Free Bravo SLO 2011 Showcase Oct. 16



The Performing Arts Center is offering a preview of its upcoming season Oct. 16 at BravoSLO 2011, a free performing arts showcase featuring the many organizations that perform at the Cohan Center and Spanos Theatre throughout the year. Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., the PAC invites you to enjoy mini performances all day in Harman Hall and the Pavilion; talk to participating performance groups at their lobby exhibits; and pick



up information about their upcoming seasons – all for free.

In addition to enjoying instrumental and choral ensembles, dance groups, film shorts, and the Forbes Pipe Organ, attendees will be eligible to win from an assortment of door prizes, receive complimentary coffee and pastries courtesy of BlackHorse, and sample premiere local wines from several of the PAC Winery Partners. Door prizes include free tickets to a variety of upcoming performances, luxurious gift baskets, dance classes, VIP backstage tours, access to special red carpet events, and more. As an added bonus this year, patrons who purchase any tickets at the PAC box office during the event will be automatically entered to win a \$100 PAC gift certificate.

Presented by the Performing Arts Center and the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center. Sponsored by AT&T The Real Yellow Pages and the City of San Luis Obispo. For a complete schedule of showcase performances or to learn more about BravoSLO, visit the [Performing Arts Center website](#).

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.

#102409 – Accounting Technician III, Administration & Finance Division - Fiscal Services, \$3,381 - \$5,071 per month. Open until filled. Review begins Oct. 6, 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, visit our [website](#). 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.

