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News

Mary Pedersen Named Associate Vice Provost for Programs and Planning



Mary Pedersen, formerly an associate dean in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, has been named the associate vice provost for Programs and Planning. Pedersen assumed her new role Oct. 1. Her primary responsibilities will be to oversee the processes for academic program development and program review, manage general-education administrative issues, and help departments and colleges navigate new mandates from the CSU Chancellor's Office. She also will assist in strategic planning and implementation. Mary comes to Programs and Planning with nearly 13 years of administrative experience as department chair of Food Science and Nutrition, director of the Wine and Viticulture Program, and associate dean for Undergraduate Programs in CAFES. These roles have given her a broad understanding of the processes and programs with which she will be working, as well as the challenges facing students, faculty, the

departments and the colleges. This position combines the responsibilities of two vacant positions: the associate vice provost position formerly filled by Cheryl Ney and the administrative analyst III position formerly filled by Mary Whiteford.

Mustang Daily Converts to Broadsheet

Cal Poly's Mustang Daily, the only daily university newspaper in the nation fully produced by students on campus, has converted from tabloid to broadsheet format. The newspaper has been published on campus for more than 90 years. Cal Poly's Goss publication web press was recently expanded from four to eight units through a grant from the Dow Jones Foundation and equipment from Manugraph DGM and other printing press vendors. The press expansion and conversion to broadsheet has allowed the Mustang Daily to increase its page count and improve color quality. "One of the reasons we changed from tabloid to broadsheet is to allow our student editors to work on a similar platform to what they will find in the newspaper industry," said Paul Bittick, general manager of the Mustang Daily.

"Advertisers are also pleased with the new format and improved color quality." The production of Mustang Daily is a collaborative effort of Cal Poly's Journalism and Graphic Communication departments.



Faculty and Staff

Psychology & Child Development Professor's Report Featured in Medical Journal



Psychology & Child Development Professor Patrice Engle's report on early childhood development was published in the Sept. 23, 2011, online edition of The Lancet. The report, the second in a series, is the result of a multidisciplinary project involving researchers with the Global Child Development Steering Group. The series analyzes new evidence on the causes of inequality in child development, assesses the effectiveness of early child development intervention programs in low-income and middle-income countries, and calculates the cost of failing to



invest in the developmental potential of disadvantaged children. The abstract of the study can be found at [The Lancet's website](#). And see Engle's interview regarding her study [on YouTube](#).

Campus Announcements

Fall Study Abroad Fair Set for Oct. 6

Learn about study-abroad opportunities at Cal Poly at the Fall Study Abroad Fair set for 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 6. The event will take place on Dexter Lawn (unless there is rain, in which case the fair will be moved to the Business Breezeway). The fair will showcase faculty-led quarter-abroad programs, the CSU's International Academic Year-Long Programs, Cal Poly International Exchanges, and other affiliated programs. For more information, visit the [International Education and Programs website](#).

Applications Available For Faculty-Led Programs

International Education and Programs (IEP) invites faculty from all colleges to apply to teach on the Cal Poly Faculty-Led Study Abroad 2013 Programs. Faculty can apply to teach in Australia for winter quarter, London for summer quarter, Peru for summer quarter, Spain for summer or fall quarter, or Thailand for summer quarter. All programs seek faculty with strong teaching records who can offer general education or specialty courses appropriate to the specific program. For application and information regarding qualifications and deadlines, go to the [IEP Faculty website](#).

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 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.

Fourth Annual Chicano Latino Convocation Takes Place Oct. 6

The Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association's (CLFSA) fourth annual Convocation will take place Thursday, Oct. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the UU Plaza. The event is sponsored by the CLFSA and Cal Poly's Xicano/Latino student organizations. Mark Corella (B.A., Recreation Administration, 1981), district manager for Wells Fargo's Central Coast Market, will be the keynote speaker. The event is free and is open to all students, faculty and staff. For more information, contact Emily Sandoval at etsandov@calpoly.edu or Delfina Medina-Maloney at dmedinam@calpoly.edu.

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.

Open Enrollment Coming Oct. 10

CalPERS has announced 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](#).

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.

Oct. 12 Session Will Provide Information on Peace Corps

The Peace Corps office at Cal Poly will hold an information session from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, in UU Room 218. Those interested in Peace Corps volunteering can get answers to general questions, find out what it's like to volunteer, learn about benefits of service and discover how to be a competitive candidate when applying. For additional information, contact Peace Corps Recruiter Jeanette Early at 310-356-1112 or jearley@peacecorps.gov.

University Seeks Information on Cal Poly Veterans Killed In Action

The university is seeking information on any Cal Poly veterans killed in action or during military service, with a plan to add their names to Cal Poly's Wall of Honor on the plinth of the University Union Mustang Statue. The memorial commemorates Cal Poly students and alumni who gave their lives serving our country. For the upcoming installation of names, direct any information to Amanda Oeser at aoeser@calpoly.edu by Oct. 31. When the names of those yet to be recognized are gathered, the university will host a ceremony this winter to honor Cal Poly's fallen soldiers.

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](#).

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.

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](#).

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

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.

Constitution Day Set for Oct. 6

The College of Liberal Arts will present Constitution Day on Thursday, Oct. 6, to honor the signing of the U.S. government's founding document. The free event is set to run 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center. Paul Frymer, an associate professor in the Department of Politics at Princeton University, will speak on "Labor and the Constitution: What Rights Do Americans Have in the Workplace?" He writes and teaches on topics in American politics, law, state theory and American political development, particularly as they intersect with issues of democratic representation, race and civil rights, and labor and employment rights. For more information, contact Terry San Filippo at ext. 6-1216 or tsanfil@calpoly.edu or Ron Den Otter at ext. 6-6147 or rdenotte@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 [The Forum on Facebook](#) or [go to The](#)



[Forum's Web site.](#)

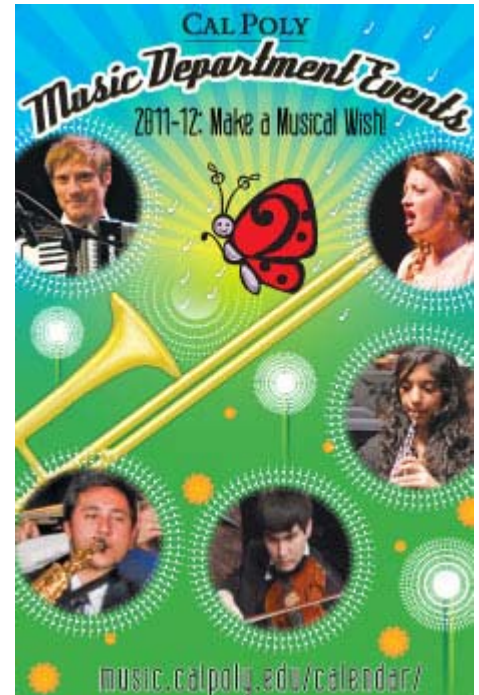
Oct. 10 Lecture Will Mark a Century of Women's Right to Vote

Noted historian and UCLA Professor Ellen Dubois will give a lecture titled "How California Won Votes for All of Us" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, in the Pavilion of the Performing Arts Center. DuBois, professor of History and Women's Studies at UCLA, is one of the pioneers of modern U.S. women's history, with a particular interest in the history of women's suffrage. This presentation will explore California's role in setting in motion the modern women's suffrage movement and the uses to which our state's women put their ballots in the first few years. This lecture is free and open to the public and is co-sponsored by Cal Poly's History, Political Science, and Women's and Gender Studies departments, Gender Equity Center and the College of Liberal Arts. For more information, contact the Women's and Gender Studies Department at ext. 6-1525 or wgs@calpoly.edu or [visit the CLA website](#).

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 Valparaíso 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.



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](#).

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](#).

College of Liberal Arts Sponsors 'Homecoming For the Mind' Oct. 29

The "Homecoming For the Mind" colloquium will showcase research and projects by students and faculty of Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts. Set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 29 in Spanos Theatre, the event is free and open to the public. Graphic Communication Professor Xiaoying Rong will present her research on "An Electroluminescent Device for Point-of-Purchase Display and Lighting," and Professor Jennifer Jipson of the Psychology & Child Development Department will speak on her research on "STEM Stops: Random Acts of Science." Six students will present their projects. And alum Brad Bessey, a television producer who has worked on shows such as "Entertainment Tonight" and "The Talk," will deliver the keynote address. For more details, contact Penny Bennett at 6-2359 or pkbennet@calpoly.edu or Terry San Filippo at 6-1216 or tsanfili@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.

*****REVISED***#102401 – Physician, Student Affairs - Health Services**, temporary, (.60 time base) thru June 30, 2012, \$6,286.20-\$10,365 per month, hiring range: \$6,286 - \$7,000 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Sept. 30, 2011.

#102410 - IT Consultant, Information Technology Consultant – Career, Student Affairs - Health Services, \$4,314 - \$8,831 per month, hiring range: \$4,314 - \$4,745 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 12, 2011.

#102414 – Academic Advisor, Student Services Professional IB, CAED – Advising, \$3,102 - \$4,388 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 14, 2011.

*****INTERNAL ONLY*** 102416 – Executive Assistant, Confidential Administrative Support I, AFD – Administration**, \$3,430 - \$6,117 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 13, 2011.

#102417 – Data Management Analyst, Administrative Analyst/Specialist – Exempt I, Academic Affairs – Office of the Registrar, \$3,845 - \$5,770 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 14, 2011.

#102418 – Financial Aid Counselor, Student Services Professional II, Academic Affairs – Admissions, Recruitment &

Financial Aid, \$3,519 - \$5,002 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 14, 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.

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