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Kathleen Enz Finken Named Cal Poly's New Provost



Kathleen Enz Finken has been named Cal Poly's new provost, making her the university's top administrator for academic affairs and the senior member of the president's executive management staff. Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong announced the appointment Friday. Enz Finken, currently provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, brings broad academic and administrative experience in public higher education to her new role. She will begin work in early February. "Kathleen brings a wealth of experience to Cal Poly as a professor, college dean and provost," Armstrong said.

[More on Enz Finken's appointment](#)

Cal Poly Alpha Phi Chapter Receives Five-Month Suspension for Hazing Activity

Cal Poly administrators have released a report of their findings regarding an alleged hazing incident that took place Sept. 28 involving Alpha Phi sorority members. University administrators determined that the events of Sept. 28, which included minors being given alcohol and left unmonitored "in situations where they were left to fend for themselves" constituted hazing. All Alpha Phi chapter activities are suspended immediately through March 23, 2012. The group may hold weekly meetings with an adviser present for team building at the official chapter house. All events must be alcohol-free.

[More on the sorority's suspension](#)

Cal Poly Unveils New Meat Processing Center

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences' Animal Science Department is opening the doors of the new J and G Lau Meat Processing Center and teaching facility for public tours from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. The nearly 15,000-square-foot, \$6.5 million teaching and research plant is the newest meat processing center in the U.S. Under one roof and the direction of expert faculty, students from a cross-section of disciplines will gain hands-on experience in all areas of meat processing, including humane harvest, fabrication, innovative ready-to-eat product development, food safety and packaging. With this new state-of-the-art facility, the Cal Poly Animal Science Department will offer the complete spectrum of meat production education from breeding selection to a safe and nutritional dining experience. More than \$5.5 million of the cost of the center was funded by private donors including the J and G Lau Family, industry and friends of the university.

For more information, including directions, go to http://asci.calpoly.edu/news_events/facilityrelocation/meats_page.asp

Retirements

Robert E. Kitamura

Robert E. Kitamura is retiring after 18 years as the university architect and executive director of Facilities Planning and Capital Projects at Cal Poly. Kitamura has overseen the planning, design and construction for the university since 1993. During his tenure in this

position, Cal Poly has received many project design awards from local, state and national organizations. Prior to that role, Kitamura served as a faculty member for 15 years in the College of Architecture & Environmental Design, teaching design-build and real estate development. Additionally, he was a principal at a leading California architecture, planning and engineering firm. Kitamura is an active member of the American Institute of Architects, Association of University Architects, Society of College and University Planners and Construction Owners Association of America. He earned both his bachelor's and master's ad degrees in architecture from Cal Poly. Administration and Finance is hosting a celebration honoring Kitamura on from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 26, in the Performing Arts Center lobby. The campus community is invited.

Campus Announcements

Division of Student Affairs Announces 2011 Fall Gathering Award Recipients

The Division of Student Affairs has announced the 2011 recipients of its Fall Gathering awards. Renoda Campbell, Student Life & Leadership; Darrin Scott, ASI Facilities; and Heidi Velasco, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, are the 2011 recipients of the Chandler Award, given to three Student Affairs employees every year based on dedication and loyalty, job performance, willingness and enthusiasm to assist others, and overall contributions to the accomplishment of their departmental missions. ASI Facilities was presented with the 2011 Innovation Award, given to a Division of Student Affairs program based on innovative and responsive thinking, initiative in making the department more efficient and productive, cutting-edge structure or methodology in program or service delivery, enthusiastic investment in others, and overall impact on the division. Fall Gathering was held Sept. 29 on campus.

Poly Escapes Hosts Annual Gear Swap Oct. 18-20

Poly Escapes is hosting its annual Gear Swap from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 18-20. This is a great opportunity to sell your used gear or take home some great deals. For those selling gear, bring any outdoor gear such as bikes, snowboards, ski clothing, backpacks or sleeping bags. Drop off your items at the Poly Escapes office, and set the prices. For those buying gear, stop by the Poly Escapes office to see all the high quality, pre-owned gear available for sale. Visit [the ASI website](#) for more information.

Open Enrollment is Here; Benefits Fair is Oct. 19

CalPERS' open enrollment for the 2012 plan year has begun. This year, making open enrollment changes will be just a few clicks away. State employees can make changes to plans through the Cal Poly portal. The "eBenefits" feature allows employees to view their current benefits and easily make open enrollment elections. Make changes from 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](#).

Information Security Open Forum Set for Oct. 19

The next Information Security Open Forum will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, in UU 220. The meeting will mark National Cyber Security Awareness Month. And attendees can get a look at a day in the life of an average Cal Poly employee, discovering how many information security topics they might encounter during their work day -- and how to deal with them. Examples include confidential documents, USB drives, workstation security, wireless access, avoiding phishing attacks and staying safe online.

Cal Poly Housing Corporation Board to Meet Oct. 21

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation will hold its next meeting Friday, Oct. 21, at 9 a.m. at Corporation Administration, Room 124. This is a public meeting. A copy of the agenda will be available for public review at Corporation Administration beginning Oct. 14. For more information about this meeting, contact Bonnie Murphy, managing director, Cal Poly Housing Corporation, at ext. 6-1131.

Celebration for Center for Teaching & Learning's Professional Learning Communities Set for Oct. 25

Faculty and staff are invited to visit the Kennedy Library Atrium between 4 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25 to join the Center for Teaching & Learning in celebrating its 2010-11 Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). This event showcases individual and collective PLC outcomes on topics such as service learning, critical thinking, retention intervention, curricular assessment and scholarly teaching and learning. PLCs enhance the professional development, interdisciplinary engagement and collegiality of faculty and staff across campus. This PLC poster session offers last year's participants an opportunity to share their work and dedication to student success with the university community. RSVP to ext. 6-7002 or visit [The Center for Teaching & Learning website](#) for more information.

Cal Poly Corporation Board to Meet Oct. 28

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold a regular meeting Friday, Oct. 28, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Conference Room 124. This is a public meeting. For more information about this meeting or to obtain a copy of the agenda, contact Bonnie Murphy, executive director of the Cal Poly Corporation, at 6-1131.

University Police Department plans Fall Bike Auction for Nov. 1 and 2

The University Police Department's Fall bike auction will be held Nov. 1 and 2. Bikes will be on display from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of the campus police station on North Perimeter Road. Staff members are encouraged to place a bid at the silent auction for abandoned bicycles that have been unclaimed over the past six months. Minimum opening bid is \$5. Winners will be notified to pick up their bikes Nov. 3 and 4. Proceeds of the auction will benefit the campus bike safety program. For more information, call ext. 6-6586.

University Advancement Seeks Student Artwork for Holiday Card

Faculty and staff members are asked to let students know that University Advancement would like to showcase artwork from a student on an upcoming gratitude/appreciation card to be sent to Cal Poly donors and supporters during the holiday season. The theme of the artwork should encompass gratitude, appreciation and giving back. The artwork should be representative of Cal Poly and be suitable for transfer to a 5-inch-by-7-inch card. The selected artist will receive \$300 and be recognized on the back of the card with name and major. All entries should be submitted to Heron Hall, Room 207 or to aoeser@calpoly.edu by 5 p.m. Oct. 28, 2011. Selection will be made by Nov. 5. For questions, contact Amanda Oeser at aoeser@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-5718.

Commencement Committee Announces Restricted Days for December and June Ceremonies

The Commencement Committee has announced the days during the 2011-12 academic year when campus activities should be restricted to those directly related to commencement. The committee asks that competing activities not be scheduled for the campus Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011 or Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10, 2012. Fall Commencement will be in Mott Gym on Dec. 10 and will require full use of Mott Gym, Spanos Theatre and Chumash Auditorium. For Spring Commencement on June 9 and 10, held in the Spanos Stadium, the committee has requested that no competing activities be scheduled for any on-campus locations when about 30,000 commencement participants, candidates and guests will be on campus for ceremonies on these two days. This number taxes all campus facilities, especially parking and roadways. Thank you for your cooperation.

Distinguished Scholarship Award Nominations Sought

Students, faculty and alumni are encouraged to nominate Cal Poly faculty for the Distinguished Scholarship Award. These awards are intended to recognize the scholarship and creative activity of both junior and senior faculty across all disciplines represented at Cal Poly. Nominations are due by Dec. 1. Visit the [Distinguished Scholarship Award website](#) for more information.

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.

Cal Poly Foundation Board Meeting Nov. 12

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its board meeting, which is open to the public, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Meat Processing Center. For more information about the meeting, or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call the Cal Poly Foundation office at ext. 6-1445.

Food Survey – Tell Us What You Think

We want to hear your opinion about future food options on campus. Take one minute to take this quick survey by Oct. 25. [Take the survey.](#)

Tired of packing a brown bag lunch? Have lunch for as low as \$5 with Fast Pass

All You Care To Eat Lunch at 19 Metro station for \$5. Only with Fast Pass. Get yours today on the [Campus Dining website](#).

The New Burger Bar at Sage Isn't Just Any Burger

Why isn't our burger an ordinary burger? We use 100 percent high-quality, never-frozen meat that comes with a range of fresh and inventive toppings. Take our Alpine Burger: It has sautéed mushrooms, gruyere cheese and fondue. Seal the deal with a classic milkshake or double chocolate stout float. The Burger Bar is open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday. [For more information, visit Sage Restaurant's Burger Bar website.](#)

Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community

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

Events

Fall Women's Gathering Set for Oct. 20

A panel of Cal Poly women will discuss the simple elements they have leveraged into creativity and success at the Fall Women's Gathering, set for Oct. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center. A luncheon buffet is provided, compliments of the Office of the President. The event is cosponsored by the Status of Women Committee and the Gender Equity Center. President Armstrong will attend and encourages staff and faculty to attend as well. For more information contact Barbara Gilbert, chair of the Status of Women Committee, at bjgilber@calpoly.edu or Christina Kaviani, coordinator of the Gender Equity Center, at ckaviani@calpoly.edu.

Performing Ensembles to Present Musical Extravaganza at Parents' Weekend Concert Oct. 28

Cal Poly's 2011 Parents Weekend will kick off with a musical extravaganza emceed by Music Department Chair W. Terrence Spiller at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, in Harman Hall of the Performing Arts Center. The Parents Weekend Ensemble Showcase will feature all Cal Poly Music Department major performing ensembles. They include the Cal Poly Symphony, Cal Poly Choirs (PolyPhonics and The University Singers), University Jazz Band I, Arab Music Ensemble, and the Cal Poly Wind Ensemble. Spiller, a concert pianist, will join the symphony in a performance of the first movement of Edvard Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor, a work written when the composer was only 24. For more information, visit the [Music Department web calendar](#). Tickets available from [the Performing Arts Ticket Office](#).

[More on the Parents Weekend Concert](#)



Provocative Perspectives Presents Discussion of Women's Suffrage on Oct. 27

Cal Poly's Provocative Perspectives series will feature an Oct. 27 talk on campus from author Elaine Elinson on, "From the Streets, to the Voting Booth, to the Halls of Power: How California Women Won Their Rights." Elinson's talk will begin at 7:30 a.m. at VG Café. A follow-up student session will be held at 10 a.m. in Room 217 (Multi-Cultural Center Lounge) in the University Union. Elinson is an author editor, and communications consultant based in San Francisco. She is coauthor of "Wherever There's a Fight: How Runaway Slaves, Suffragists, Immigrants, Strikers, and Poets Shaped Civil Liberties in California," which won a Gold Medal in the 2010 California Book Awards and a Book of the Year citation from ForeWord Magazine. She holds a master of fine arts degree from Goddard and was named a San Francisco Public Library Laureate. The event is free and open to the public. Reservations are required; RSVP by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21. For more information call ext. 6-0327 or e-mail Liz Cofer at lcofer@calpoly.edu.

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. 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 ext. 6-2359 or pkbennet@calpoly.edu or Terry San Filippo at ext. 6-1216 or tsanfili@calpoly.edu.

Scholar to Talk about Post-Revolution Egypt on Nov. 1

The Research Scholars in Residence Program will sponsor a presentation by Dr. Bob Field titled "From Pharaohs to Facebook: Touring Ancient Egypt After the Revolution." Field will discuss his 2011 tour of Egypt and Jordan as the Arab Spring spread across North Africa and the Middle East. This seminar will be held Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 4 p.m. in Room 111-H of the Kennedy Library. All Cal Poly faculty, staff, students and members of the community are welcome. For more information, contact the Research and Graduate Programs office at research-gradprogs@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-1508.

PCPA Casting Director to Give Master Class Nov. 1 On Campus

Erik Stein, casting director for Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts (PCPA), will present a vocal master class at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, in Room 218 of the Davidson Music Center. During the free class, several leading voice students in the university's Music Department will perform and be critiqued. Stein will be joined by his wife, actress Jacqueline Hildebrand, in working with the Cal Poly singers. The public is welcome. For more information, visit [the Music Department web calendar](#).

[More on the Master Class](#)

'Managing' Racial Diversity to be Explored in Nov. 3 Talk

Sam Sommers, associate professor of psychology at Tufts University, will discuss the practical, ethical and legal aspects of racial diversity in a free public talk Thursday, Nov. 3. Sommers will present "Examining Racial Diversity: How Situations and Strategic Concerns Shape Intergroup Interactions" from 11 a.m. to noon in Fischer Science Hall, Room 328. Sommers will make the case for the importance of studying diversity empirically. He will explore such topics as how a group's racial diversity affects its actual performance; the circumstances under which interracial interactions tend to go well versus not so well; and how accurate intuition is when navigating diverse settings.

University of Delaware Architecture Professor to Speak Nov. 4

Sandy Isenstadt, architect and professor of History of Modern Architecture in the College of Arts & Sciences at University of Delaware, will speak at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 in the Business Rotunda. Isenstadt's writings center on postwar reformulations of modernism, contemporary architecture and the spatial implications of material culture. Currently, he is writing about the novel luminous spaces introduced by electric lighting in the early 20th century. The event is part of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design's

Hearst Lecture Series. The free public lecture series brings local, national and international speakers to present on architecture and the built environment. For more information about the series, contact the Architecture Department at architecture@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-1316.

Cal Poly Faculty Chamber Recital Set for November 5

The Cal Poly Music Department will present a faculty chamber recital at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, in Room 218 of the Davidson Music Center on campus. This is the second year of a biannual series of chamber recitals in which faculty join forces to perform masterworks of chamber music -- beloved gems and less-known works alike, including Vivaldi's Bassoon Concerto in E minor, Haydn's London Trio No. 3 in G Major, Koechlin's "Epitaph De Jean Harlow" and Thuille's Sextet for flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, bassoon and piano. 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.

*****INTERNAL ONLY*** #102424, Operations Specialist, Foundation**, College of Science and Math, System Maintenance, temporary, one-year appointment. \$2,397 - \$3,596 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 28, 2011.

*****INTERNAL ONLY*** #102422 – Administrative Support Coordinator II**, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, Natural Resource Management and Environmental Science, \$3,074 - \$4,615 per month. Closes: Oct. 31, 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.

#102404 – Tenure Track Position. English, English Department, College of Liberal Arts, ext. 6-5850. Review begins: Nov. 22, 2011.

#102390 – Tenure Track Position, Ethics/Applied Ethics, Philosophy Department, College of Liberal Arts, ext. 6-1397. Closes: Nov. 15, 2011.

#102406 – Tenure Track Position, Sociology-Globalization and International Sociology, Sociology Department, College of Liberal Arts, ext. 6-1230. Review Begins: Jan. 3, 2012.

#102408 – Tenure Track Position, Sociology, Social Work, Sociology Department, College of Liberal Arts, ext. 6-1230. Review begins: Jan. 3, 2012.

#102396 – Tenure Track Positions, Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, Mathematics Department, College of Science & Mathematics, ext. 6-1227. Review begins: Dec. 2, 2011.

#102407 – Tenure Track Positions, Statistics, Statistics Department, College of Science & Mathematics, ext. 6-2709. Review begins: Nov. 18, 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 [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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