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Cal Poly Architecture Dean to Return to Teaching

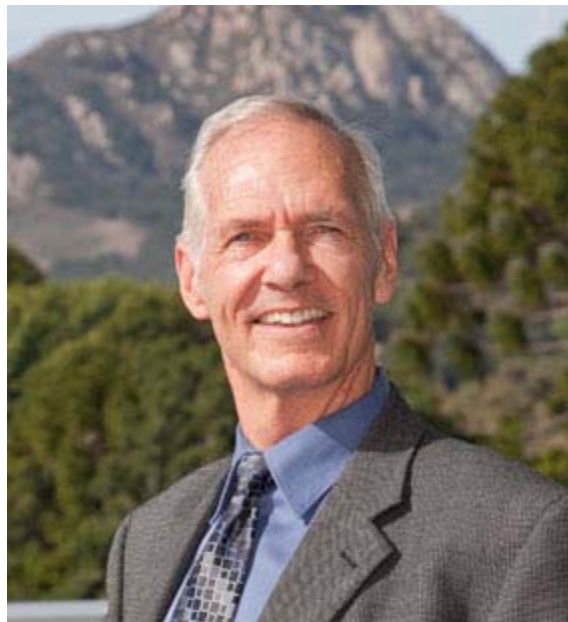
R. Thomas Jones, dean of Cal Poly's College of Architecture and Environmental Design, will step down as dean and return to the Architecture Department to teach and to expand the college's Learn by Doing programs.

Jones, who has led the college since 2003, will remain dean until a successor is named – a task expected to be completed by mid-summer 2012. The 65-year-old said he has been eager to return to teaching but waited until the university could complete its recent search for a new provost, who oversees the college deans.

"My tenure as dean has been incredibly fulfilling and satisfying, but now it's time for a new person with a fresh perspective to guide the college to an even higher level," Jones said. "I have enjoyed working closely with our talented faculty to create unique learning opportunities for our students.

"I'm grateful to our faculty for their efforts through these tough financial challenges to enhance the college's excellent reputation while attracting interest from students throughout the world."

[More on Jones' announcement](#)



Cal Poly Welcomes Apple CFO Peter Oppenheimer on Nov. 10



Peter Oppenheimer, chief financial officer for Apple, is scheduled to speak at Cal Poly in the November installment of the Orfalea College of Business's Distinguished Speaker Series. Oppenheimer's presentation will run from 1:10 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion. A Cal Poly alum, Oppenheimer earned his degree in agricultural business in 1985. He started working at Apple in 1996. He is currently CFO and senior vice president. He also serves on the executive committee. Oppenheimer maintains his ties to his alma mater as a member of the Cal Poly Foundation board. The Distinguished Speaker Series is open to students, faculty and staff from all majors and to members of the community. This is a free event. For more information, contact Royaa Silver at ext. 6-2874 or rsilve01@calpoly.edu.

Faculty and Staff

President Armstrong Announces Administrative Reassignments

President Jeffrey D. Armstrong has announced that David Conn, currently the university's associate vice president for Inclusive Excellence and director of Ombuds Services, will become associate vice president for Institutional Review effective Jan. 1. He will work with his colleagues from across the university on completing the WASC reaccreditation process, for which he has provided oversight as the Academic Liaison Officer since its inception in 2007. Conn will also analyze the campus administrative policies and conduct an overdue review and update of the campuswide structure of committees to better align with our strategic imperatives and serve our campus' current and future needs. In Winter 2013, Conn plans to return to teaching as a faculty member in the City and Regional

Planning Department in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Meanwhile, Armstrong has asked Martha Cody, director of Employment Equity, to add to her duties by also serving as special adviser to the president for diversity. Her duties will be expanded to focus on campus climate issues and tracking and measuring the effectiveness of diversity and Inclusive Excellence initiatives that are developed and implemented throughout the university. She will continue to serve on the Inclusiveness Excellence Council, and her office will coordinate the Inclusive Excellence Council meetings and agendas.

Under this reorganization, Patricia Ponce will become the student ombuds, and the Office of Student Ombuds Services will report to the Office of the President.

[Read the president's letter to campus on the reorganization](#)

Retirements

Diane Mosher

University Housing invites the campus community to a retirement reception honoring Diane Mosher for 26 years of dedicated service to students, staff and the Cal Poly campus. Diane began her career in 1985 as a clerical assistant for the Department of Housing and Conference Services. She has served in various positions within Housing, including office manager and budget specialist. She is now the coordinator of Business and Personnel Services for University Housing. Diane is a 2002 Student Affairs Chandler Award recipient for her outstanding service to students. Friends and colleagues are invited to join University Housing as we honor Mosher for her outstanding service career with a retirement reception in the Performing Arts Center lobby from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17. For more information, contact Janis Eto at ext. 6-1587 or jeto@calpoly.edu.

Patricia Ashe

Information Technology Services will host a potluck celebration honoring Patricia Ashe from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the Education Building, Room 24. Ashe will retire after 10 years of service at Cal Poly as an Oracle database administrator for Information Technology Services. During her time on campus, the number of centrally managed campus databases has grown from a small handful to more than 40. She is looking forward to creating a business growing and selling California native plants. Her last working day is Nov. 18.

Frank A. Cawley

Frank A. Cawley, director of El Corral Bookstore, is retiring from Cal Poly Corporation at the end of the year, after more than 15 years of service. El Corral Bookstore will host a retirement reception in his honor Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center lobby. The campus community is invited to help celebrate. Cawley came to Cal Poly from De Anza College in Cupertino, Calif., where he managed the college bookstore for 12 years. During his tenure at Cal Poly, Frank remodeled El Corral Bookstore, twice remodeled Cal Poly Downtown, implemented a commercial website (now in its third iteration), managed the Pony Prints print & copy center, and initiated a number of services such as Textbook Reservation, Shop Once Service, VIP Buyback, and in-store and on-line Textbook Rental.

Susan Sparling

Student Academic Services will host a retirement celebration honoring Susan Sparling, from 2 to 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2 in the Albert B. Smith Alumni and Conference Center. The campus community is invited to attend. Sparling, director of Student Academic Services will retire after 38 years of service to the university. She began her career at Cal Poly in 1974 as a medical transcriber in the Health Center. She completed her Masters in Education in 1978. She was hired by the Educational Opportunity Program as a Student Affairs Officer I to design academic programs for the department. She went on to participate in grant writing for dozens of state and federal grants to fund key programs that have become instrumental in the development of SAS programs and services. Sparling is known as an expert

academic adviser who is committed to intrusive advising that focuses on student success.

Passings

Unny Menon

Unny Menon, professor in the Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Department, passed away peacefully in his home on Nov. 3 after a battle with cancer. Menon has been with the university since 1978 and has served as department chair for IME, as well as chair of Academic Senate and associate dean of Engineering. He is survived by his wife Pauline, his son James and his daughter Rachel.

[Read the obituary in the Tribune](#)

Campus Announcements

Military Veterans Seek Adviser for New On-Campus Club

Cal Poly Military Veterans are working to form a Veterans Club on campus. They are looking for an adviser and faculty/staff supporters. If you are interested in helping or know of any military veteran students that may be interested in joining, please email veterans@calpoly.edu or call Stacy Talbert, veterans school certifying official, at ext. 6-6037.

Green Campus Program Launches "Turn 'Em Out" Campaign



November is "Turn 'Em Out" awareness month, an outreach event The Green Campus Program is promoting to all students, faculty and staff encouraging everyone to turn the lights off when not in use. The goal is to reduce electricity use at Cal Poly as much as possible. During November, submit a photo, video, or any other type of media file of you and/or your co-workers or friends turning off the lights to greencampus@calpoly.edu. Be creative; the staff member with the best submission wins a pumpkin pie and power strips party for their department. For students: Submit the photo [on our Facebook page](#) for a chance to win an Amazon gift card. Spread the word; tell your students and other coworkers. For inspiration, [visit Mr. Eco's new music video "Turn 'Em Out"](#) featuring guests such as President Jeffery D. Armstrong, ASI President Kiyana Tabrizi and Musty the Mustang.

November Wellness Seminar to Focus on Holiday Stress Management

Human Resources' Work Life Programs & Services is excited to announce the first edition in its Wellness Seminar Series (presented by Community Action EAP) -- "Stress Management for the

Holidays." The seminar will offer an opportunity to have fun for an hour and learn to put the holidays in a new perspective. Seminars will be held 11 a.m. to noon and 1 to 2 p.m. in UU 220 on Nov. 15. For more information, call the Human Resources office at ext. 6-2236, or [click here](#).

Holiday Hams are On Sale Now

Cal Poly student-produced holiday hams are now on sale. Our fully-cooked hams are custom prepared using Cal Poly's special blend to ensure you receive the finest product possible. All hams are cured to enhance natural flavor and improve tenderness. The hams are then slow-cooked and smoked with a natural hardwood smoke. Hams are vacuum packaged and ready for the holidays. Whole and half hams are available for \$3.25 per pound. We are offering a limited number of holiday hams. To ensure your ham is reserved for this holiday season, place your order as soon as possible. Contact calpolymeats@calpoly.edu today.

Continuing Education is Collecting Food for SLO County Food Bank Coalition

Cal Poly Continuing Education staff is collecting food to donate to the San Luis Obispo County Food Bank Coalition. The CE Food drive will continue through Dec. 15. The SLO County Food Bank distributes food donations to more than 200 nonprofit agency partners and directly through food assistance programs. Everyone is invited to contribute. Some ideas of foods to donate include canned fruits and

vegetables, crackers, pasta, rice, canned soups and beans and cereal. All nonperishable food is welcome. A collection barrel is located in Jespersen Hall. Let's help families in need, especially with the holidays approaching. For more information, call ext. 6-2053.

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.

Cal Poly Foundation Board Meeting Nov. 12

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its 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.

Nominations for Distinguished Teaching Award Due Dec. 2

Nominate your most outstanding and inspiring professor by Dec. 2. Any student or alumnus may submit one or more nominations on the [nomination website](#). Nominations should include the professor's name, department and a supporting statement containing personal experience or other evidence of merit based upon the nomination criteria listed for this year's Distinguished Teaching Award.

Deadline for State Faculty Support Grant Proposals is Jan. 27

The State Faculty Support Grant program supports research, scholarship, and creative activities that help faculty remain current in their disciplines and contribute new knowledge, with the intent of strengthening California socially, culturally and economically. The deadline to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants and assigned time for the 2012-13 year is Jan. 27, 2012. For guidelines and an application form, visit the [Research and Graduate Programs website](#), or call the RGP office at ext. 6-1508.

Save \$5 on your Holiday Meals Order at Village Market

Receive \$5 off your holiday meals order by using promo code "HOLIDAYS2011" when placing your order online. Village Market offers a wide selection of holiday meals, desserts and a la carte side dishes such as mashed sweet potatoes, traditional stuffing, and a sweet and tangy cranberry relish! [Visit the Village Market website](#), stop by the market in Poly Canyon Village, or call ext. 6-1959. Program offered for a limited time (Nov. 1-30), so place your orders today!

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

All You Care To Eat Lunch at 19 Metro station for \$5. Only with Fast Pass. Load onto your PolyCard or purchase tickets to share with friends. [Get yours today on the Campus Dining website](#).

Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community

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

Events

Folk Stories Come to Life Nov. 10-12, 17-19

A collection of eight unique folk stories from around the world will come to life on the Cal Poly stage Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 10-12 and Nov. 17-19. Curtain time for all shows is 7 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre on campus. "The MerryWinkle International Troupe of Vagabonds Performs a Delicious Potpourri of Fantastical Fairy Tales and Astonishing Folk Legends" was compiled and adapted by Theatre and Dance



Professor Al Schnupp, who is also designing and directing the production. The MerryWinkle is the Theatre and Dance Department's fall production. General admission is \$15. Admission for students, senior citizens and children is \$12. For reservations, call 756-2787.

[Find out more about The MeriWinkle](#)



Wynonna to Perform Nov. 13

Earthy and warm, versatile vocal powerhouse Wynonna is hailed as one of the best country-rock artists performing today. Show-stopping songs and impeccable showmanship bring one word to mind: Wynonna. See her perform Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Christopher Cohan Center.

[Details on Wynonna](#)

YOPAC Presents Benefit Screening of Warren Miller Film Nov. 15

The Performing Arts Center's Youth Outreach program (YOPAC) will host a screening of the latest Warren Miller winter sports film, "Like There's No Tomorrow," at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 on the Christopher Cohan Center's big screen. Presented in high definition and narrated by Olympic Gold Medalist Jonny Moseley, the film takes viewers on a breathtaking tour of the perfect winter across five continents. For more details on the film, visit www.warrenmiller.com. All attendees will receive a free day lift pass to China Peak (restrictions apply) and have a chance to win from an array of prizes. Tickets are available at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, ext. 6-2787 or www.pacslo.org. Prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students.

[Find more about the event](#)

Stanford Professor to Talk on Evolution of Modern Human Behavior Nov. 15

Stanford University professor Richard Klein will explore the evolution of modern human behavior in a talk from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the Spanos Theatre at Cal Poly. His talk, "Out of Africa and The Evolution of Human Behavior," focuses on a major debate taking place in paleoanthropological circles over the last decade about when modern human behavior evolved. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Social Sciences Professor Terry Jones at tljones@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2523.

Whose Live Anyway? Nov. 16

Stand-up is funny ~ improv is funnier! This group of the world's top improvisors will follow their sold-out performance at the PAC last year with a brand new show of star-quality improv comedy and song plus audience participation. They'll leave you laughing all over again! See the performance Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cohan Center.

[More on Whose Live Anyway?](#)

English Professor to Discuss Book on Film Noir Nov. 18

As part of the Kennedy Library series Conversations with Cal Poly Authors, English [Professor Doug Keesey](#) will discuss his latest book "Neo-Noir: Contemporary Film Noir from Chinatown to The Dark Knight" with Josh Machamer, associate professor and associate chair, Theatre and Dance Department, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18 in Room 111H at the library.

Keesey will lead off with an informal talk about the book's themes and his writing process, followed by a conversation with [Associate Professor Machamer](#) as well as a Q&A with other attendees. Other selected publications by Keesey include the titles "Catherine Breillat," "Don DeLillo," "Clint Eastwood," "Erotic Cinema," "The Films of Peter Greenaway," "The Marx Brothers," "Jack Nicholson," and "Paul Verhoeven." The event is free and open to the public. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

[Find out more about this event](#)

Yale Professor to Present Hearst Lecture, Nov. 18

The Hearst Lecture Series presents Yale School of Architecture Professor Joel Sanders at 4 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18, in the Business

Rotunda. Sanders' presentation will focus on the themes and issues explored in the release of his new book, "Groundwork: Between Landscape and Architecture," co-edited with Diana Balmori. Groundwork maps an interdisciplinary trend over the past 10 years of architects and landscape architects undertaking groundbreaking projects that propose an integration of landscape and architecture.

[Find out more information on Sanders' firm](#)

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 RECRUITMENT OPEN TO CAL POLY EMPLOYEES ONLY (State, Corporation, and ASI) *** #102437 – Student Affairs Analyst**, Administrative Analyst/Specialist, nonexempt, College of Science and Mathematics, Dean's Office, \$3,245-\$5,193 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 18, 2011.

#102433 - Director for Academic Technology, Administrator III, Information Services, Anticipated hiring range: \$100,000-\$115,000 (compensation commensurate with qualifications and experience). Closes: Nov. 30, 2011.

#102435 – Pre-Doctoral Intern, Helper Aid, Student Affairs, Health & Counseling Services, three positions, temp through June 30, 2013. \$18,000 stipend over 12-month period (\$1,500 per month). Closes: Nov. 20, 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.

All positions have excellent benefits provided, including medical, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement program, paid sick leave/vacation and holidays. Apply online at www.calpolycorporationjobs.org. CPC Human Resources, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407, AA/EEO.

Assistant Supervisor, Catering Service, Campus Dining, \$10.54 - \$12.91 per hour. Requires High school degree or equivalent with two years food service experience and at least two years supervisory experience in a high volume/fast-paced food service environment. Catering experience helpful. Must have a valid California driver license, ability to lift and carry 50 pounds, and availability to work weekends, holidays and various shifts.

Assistant Cook (10-month position), Campus Dining. Requires High school degree or equivalent with minimum one year of cooking experience in a food service or production position, preferably on a college campus. Must be able to repeatedly lift and carry 50 pounds.

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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