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## *Cal Poly Report - June 6, 2012*

This is the final weekly edition of Cal Poly Report for the academic year. Report will publish monthly through summer – on July 11 and Aug. 15 – and then return to its regular weekly schedule beginning Sept. 12.

### **News**

#### **Spring 2012 Commencement Set for June 9, 10**

More than 3,800 students are eligible to graduate in two separate ceremonies at Cal Poly's Spring Commencement on Saturday and Sunday, June 9-10. Both ceremonies begin at 10 a.m. in Spanos Stadium. "This weekend's ceremonies are an important milestone for our graduates and their families, as well as the State of California," said Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong. "As you would expect of Cal Poly graduates, the members of the Class of 2012 are well educated, resourceful and innovative. We can't wait to see what wonderful things they accomplish in the years to come." Cal Poly agricultural business alumnus Peter Oppenheimer (1985), senior vice president and chief financial officer for Apple Inc., will give the keynote address at Saturday's event and will receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree. At Sunday's commencement ceremonies, Bert and Candace Forbes will give the keynote address and receive honorary Doctor of Science degrees.

[More on Commencement](#)

[More on the honorary degree recipients](#)

#### **CSU Seeks Community Feedback on Budget Strategies**

The CSU will host a second webcast for the CSU community to review various strategies that have been posed to address the significant reduction in state funding for the CSU. The webcast is scheduled for 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, June 11, in Kennedy Library, Room 202A. A facilitator will be available to synthesize questions from the audience. Keith Boyum, faculty emeritus at CSU Fullerton, will facilitate the webcast from the Chancellor's Office and present comments or questions to the executives. Individuals also may participate from a computer if they are unable to join a campus location. Advance registration is required. [Visit the CSU registration site to register](#). Many comments and questions were submitted to the Budget Strategies mailbox and during the first webcast. A FAQ is being developed and will be posted [on the Budget Strategies Review webpage](#) by Friday, June 8. Individuals are encouraged to continue submitting comments/questions to the Budget Strategies mailbox in advance of the June 8 webcast.

#### **Washington State University Administrator Named New Cal Poly Liberal Arts Dean**



Douglas Epperson, a veteran of liberal arts higher education and current dean at Washington State University, has been named the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Cal Poly. He will assume his new post Aug. 15. "Doug understands and appreciates the special niche that Cal Poly has in higher education as one of the nation's few comprehensive polytechnic universities," said Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong. "Doug brings to Cal Poly outstanding experience as both an administrator and a faculty member who also has created an impressive body of scholarship." Epperson has served as dean of Washington State's College of Liberal Arts since 2009. Before Washington State, Epperson spent his career at Iowa State University – beginning as an assistant professor of psychology in 1979 and ending with a five-year stint as associate dean of the university's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. [Read more here on Epperson.](#)

#### **Campuswide 12-Hour Internet Outage June 23-24**

There will be a campuswide, 12-hour Internet outage Saturday night, June 23, while Cal Poly works with its Internet Service Provider to upgrade the speed of the university's online access to 10 GB from 1 GB. The outage will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 23, and end at 7 a.m. Sunday, June 24. During this outage, all campus network users should

plan for no Internet access into or off campus. The upgrade in speed of Internet access will enhance the capability of many applications that require higher speeds to off-campus resources and will open the door for new applications that will help fulfill Cal Poly's mandate for quality teaching and learning. If you have any questions about the outage, contact the ITS Service Desk at ext. 6-7000 or [servicedesk@calpoly.edu](mailto:servicedesk@calpoly.edu).

## **Faculty and Staff**

### **Sarah Faye Cohen Joins Kennedy Library**

The Kennedy Library is pleased to welcome Sarah Faye Cohen as Cal Poly's new associate university librarian for Academic Services. Cohen joined Kennedy Library on June 1 in a position that has primary responsibility for leading the library's academic support programs, including the college librarian program, research assistance and reference services, and access services (circulation, course reserves, interlibrary services and document delivery). Cohen will also lead the library's assessment team. Cohen comes to Cal Poly from Champlain College in Burlington, Vt., where she was assistant director of the Miller Information Commons. "Sarah has proven experience collaborating with instructional designers, academic leaders, faculty, and librarians to achieve a program of media- and technology-rich learning for undergraduate students," said University Librarian Anna Gold. "We are delighted she has chosen to join us in building our campus partnerships with faculty, students, and academic technology." Cohen holds a graduate degree from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, and an undergraduate degree from Smith College.

### **History Professor Sarah Bridger Wins Nevins Prize**

In May, the Society of American Historians awarded the Allan Nevins Dissertation Prize to Assistant History Professor Sarah Bridger, who joined the Cal Poly faculty in September 2011. Bridger's doctoral dissertation, "Scientists and the Ethics of Cold War Weapons Research" (Columbia University, 2011), examines debates among scientists and within scientific communities regarding their role in military programs of the post-Sputnik, Vietnam, and late-cold war eras. The Nevins Prize is awarded each year to the best-written doctoral dissertation on an American subject. It is meant to honor dissertations for literary distinction and for making a significant contribution to historical knowledge. The prestigious award includes a cash honorarium and a contract with a major national book publisher. Bridger accepted the prize at the society's annual meeting in New York City in May. Bridger is a specialist in U.S. history with a focus on cold war science, weapons research and ethics. Her teaching interests also include 20th century U.S. politics, culture and foreign relations; the transformative and tumultuous decades of 1960s and 1970s; and the history of American labor.

### **Shawn Mehan to lead ITS Applications and Information Systems**

Shawn Mehan has been named director of applications and information systems in Information Technology Services. Mehan will lead Cal Poly's support for campus enterprise applications such as PolyLearn (Moodle), the campus portal and email, and the information systems supporting analytic environments like PolyData Dashboards. The appointment was announced by Vice Provost and Chief Information Officer Michael D. Miller. Mehan began work in April. Mehan comes to Cal Poly from Amerigroup, where he was a senior program manager. Mehan was previously the head of Integrated Technologies, Learning and Information Services at the University of Highlands and Islands in Scotland for 17 years. While at UHI, Mehan collaborated with universities in Europe as well as Oxford, Cambridge and MIT to implement instructional technologies, adopt and deploy open standards and numerous other subjects pertaining to information services in an academic atmosphere. In welcoming Mehan, Associate Vice Provost for Information Technology Services Johanna Madjedi said, "I am delighted to have Shawn Mehan as our new director of AIS. His expertise will be invaluable as we develop our strategic plan and continue to support critical information and technologies used by the university." Mehan received a bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

## **Retirements**

### **Ruth Jordan**

Ruth Jordan, financial specialist in acquisitions at Kennedy Library, is retiring from Cal Poly after 27 years. Jordan began her service in 1985 as a bibliographic searcher, supporting collection development and the purchasing of library materials. She then worked in the serials section before returning to acquisitions as a supervisor in the order section, where she oversaw the ordering and receiving of all materials. As library services and tools evolved, so did Jordan's role in library operations. During the past decade, Jordan has managed the acquisitions and financial processing chain for physical materials



and has also been responsible for the acquisitions and management of electronic databases. Most recently, she managed payment processing, monitored access and license terms, and served as the financial interface between Kennedy Library and various vendors, the CSU Chancellor's Office, Cal Poly procurement and Accounts Payable. Wish her well at a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, in Room 511 of the Kennedy Library.

## **Student Success**

### **Cal Poly Students Succeed at Statewide Research Competition**

One Cal Poly student won first place and three others won second-place awards in annual California State University research competition. Each spring more than 200 students representing the 23 campuses in the California State University system gather to present the results of their original research, scholarship and creative work to panels of judges. A team of 13 students represented Cal Poly at the 26th annual competition held May 4-5 at Cal State Long Beach. Cal Poly's four winners were:

- Anna Clauson, an undergraduate student from Altadena, received a second-place award for her project in which she studied native menarche ceremonies to further understand urbanization and social change in Fiji.
- Marcus Foley, a graduate student from Bakersfield, won first place for his work using sandblasting to optimize cell and tissue interactions with implanted medical devices.
- Rachel Gohres, an undergraduate student from Murrieta, took second place for her analysis of how protein coatings affect endothelial cell adhesion in an effort to improve implanted vascular devices.
- Kevin Schilling, an undergraduate student from Los Angeles, received a second-place award for his work using laser printing to produce paper-based devices to diagnose disease in areas without access to clinical laboratories.

[Read more on the students' success](#)

## **Campus Announcements**

### **Campus Dining Summer Hours Announced**

Campus Dining summer hours are as follows, beginning Monday, June 21:

- **19 Metro station:** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. M-F; closed weekends
- **Campus Market:** 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M-F; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays; closed Sundays
- **Einstein Bros. Bagels:** 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. M-F; closed weekends
- **Julian's Patisserie:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. M-Th; closed Friday and weekends; closed July 27-Aug. 19)
- **Starbucks:** 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F; closed weekends
- **The Avenue:** 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M-F; closed weekends

To view the hours of operations online, [visit the Campus Dining website](#).

### **Canyon Post Announces Summer Hours**

Canyon Post will be open during summer quarter and welcomes all faculty, staff, and students to visit in Poly Canyon Village. Canyon Post is pleased to offer: dry cleaning, stamps, boxes, notary service, and self-service shipping kiosk for USPS, UPS, and FedEx. Drop by to take advantage of monthly dry cleaning specials. Summer hours are noon to 5:45p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information regarding services, [visit Canyon Post online](#).

### **Faculty Tenure and Promotion Awards Announced**

President Jeffrey D. Armstrong and Provost Kathleen Enz Finken have announced the promotion of 60 faculty members and the award of tenure to 31 faculty members effective in the 2012-13 academic year. The promotions include 30 to the academic rank of professor and 30 to the rank of associate professor. Armstrong and Enz Finken extend their congratulations and appreciation to those faculty members receiving promotion and/or tenure. A list is [available on the Academic Personnel website](#).

### **Climbing Park Now Open at Rec Center**

Enjoy being outside while getting a workout, push your fitness level to new heights, and gain a lifelong love for climbing and the outdoors. The Climbing Park is open Monday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m. through June 8 and then Monday through Friday from noon to 3 p.m. through the summer. Recreation Center members climb for free. Visit the Poly Escapes office first to check out climbing equipment and a wristband. For questions, check out the Climbing Park FAQ on the [ASI website](#) or call Poly Escapes at 6-1287.

### **Membership Announced for 2012-2013 Academic Senate Executive Committee**

The Academic Senate is pleased to announce its Executive Committee membership for the 2012-2013 academic year:

Steve Rein, Statistics Department – Chair  
Dustin Stegner, English Department – Vice Chair  
Jim LoCascio, Mechanical Engineering Department – Statewide Senator  
Manzar Foroohar, History Department – Statewide Senator  
Kathleen Enz Finken – Provost  
Rachel Fernflores, Women and Gender Studies Department - Past Chair  
Doug Jackson – CAED Caucus Chair  
Doris Derelian – CAFES Caucus Chair  
Norm Borin – OCOB Caucus Chair  
Eric Mehiel – CENG Caucus Chair  
Gary Laver – CLA Caucus Chair  
Dylan Retsek – CSM Caucus Chair  
Shannon Stephens – PCS Caucus Chair  
Katie Morrow - ASI President  
Kaitlin Harr - ASI Chairwoman of the Board

#### **ASI Rec Sports to Offer Youth Swim and Water Polo Lessons This Summer**

ASI Recreational Sports will offer summer youth water polo and swim lessons at the Recreation Center. Water polo lessons are offered for both boys and girls ages 10-13 and consist of eight 60-minute sessions beginning July 9. The lessons will introduce participants to skills, concepts and rules of the sport in a fun and educational environment. Swim lessons consist of nine 40-minute sessions beginning June 18. There are six levels to choose from, including “baby and me”. The entire community is eligible to enroll their children; a Recreation Center membership is not required, space is limited. Registration must be completed in person at the Recreation Center front desk. Each session costs \$55. View the youth water polo and swim lesson descriptions on the [ASI website](#). For more information, contact the Recreation Center at ext. 6-1366 or [aquatics@asi.calpoly.edu](mailto:aquatics@asi.calpoly.edu).

#### **Poly Trekker Registration is Under Way**

Registration for Poly Trekkers Summer Program 2012 is now under way at the Orfalea Family & ASI Children's Center. This exciting program is for school-aged children who have completed kindergarten through the fourth grade (approximately 6 to 10 years old). The program will run June 18 to Aug. 17 (closed July 4). The program is offered Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Extended care will be offered Aug. 20-22. There are many different scheduling options for this summer, including the full nine-week program or individual one-week sessions to fit in with a busy summer schedule. Also offered are Monday-Wednesday-Friday or Tuesday-Thursday only options for the full nine-week program. Poly Trekkers includes a highly qualified staff with a superior ratio of one adult to every 10 children. A nutritious breakfast, lunch and snacks are included in the program fees. The children participate in art, crafts, recreational games, field trips (on and off campus) and fun. For more information or to register, contact the Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center at ext. 6-1267.

#### **New to PolyLearn Gradebook?**

Nearly 300 faculty members began teaching in PolyLearn Moodle this quarter, and we know that using the Gradebook for the first time is one of the biggest challenges. Faculty members who are new to PolyLearn and plan to use the Gradebook are asked to visit the [Gradebook Support Site](#) to get ready for the end of the quarter. Faculty members may also submit a [Consultation Request](#) for individual assistance. For questions, contact [polylearnsupport@calpoly.edu](mailto:polylearnsupport@calpoly.edu) or the ITS Service Desk at ext. 6-7000.

#### **Vanpool Program Has Openings Around the County**

Tired of high gas prices? Consider vanpooling. There are vanpool openings in Santa Maria/Orcutt, Arroyo Grande, North Coast, and North County. Call or e-mail today for further information at ext. 6-6680 or [sraains@calpoly.edu](mailto:sraains@calpoly.edu).

#### **Cal Poly Preschool Learning Lab to Open Full-Time This Fall**

The Cal Poly Preschool Learning Lab will be opening full-time this fall. Spaces are available for children ages 3-5, and priority will be given to Cal Poly faculty and staff. For more information, contact Director Patty Clarkson at ext. 6-2220 or [preschoollabadmin@calpoly.edu](mailto:preschoollabadmin@calpoly.edu), or [visit the preschool's web page](#).

#### **Reminder: Use Your Fast Passes by June 8**

This is a friendly reminder that your Fast Passes will expire at the end of the academic



year, June 8. Fast Passes are a convenient way to purchase meal passes to the all-you-care-to-eat restaurant 19 Metro station. For more information, visit [www.calpolydining.com/fastpass](http://www.calpolydining.com/fastpass).

#### **2011-12 Federal Work-Study Program Ends June 9**

Saturday, June 9, 2012 is the last day students may work through the Federal Work-Study Program for 2011-12. Work-Study payroll must be submitted prior to the June payroll deadline. Any 'late' payrolls will be processed through regular student pay, since late Work-Study pay cannot be authorized. During finals week, Work-Study students may work up to 20 hours. There is no Federal Work-Study during the summer quarter 2012. The program will resume Sept. 18, 2012.

#### **Save 20 Percent All Summer with Campus Express at 19 Metro Station**

Starting on Monday, June 18, customers can save 20 percent on walk-in meal prices at 19 Metro station, located in Building 19. 19 Metro station is an all-you-care-to-eat restaurant with a wide variety of entrées and fresh options. It will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner this summer from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday –Friday. Add Campus Express value online at any time at [www.calpolydining.com/campusexpress](http://www.calpolydining.com/campusexpress) or through your Cal Poly Portal (on the Money Matters tab).

#### **Nominations for Provost's Leadership Award for Partnership in Philanthropy Due by June 29**

Nominations are being accepted for the Provost's Leadership Award for Partnership in Philanthropy, which recognizes a current or former faculty member's superior achievement in fundraising. The award recipient will be recognized at the 2012 Fall Conference. Faculty, staff and current students are eligible to submit nominations. [The nomination form is available online](#). Nominations should be submitted to Eileen Amaral, University Advancement, Heron Hall, Room 206 no later than 5 p.m. on June 29. Electronic submissions can be emailed to [eamaral@calpoly.edu](mailto:eamaral@calpoly.edu). For more information, contact Amaral at ext. 6-1590. [A list of past recipients is also available online](#).

#### **Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community Has Homes for Sale**

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

### **Events**

#### **Continuing Education and Alumni Association to Present Noon Workshops June 7 and 14**

Continuing Education and the Cal Poly Alumni Association will present two online Noon Time Workshops: "Win-Win Negotiating" and "Leading Change Successfully." These hour-long webinars will be taught by Dr. Dawn Chandler on June 7 and June 14, respectively. "Win-Win Negotiating" will help attendees move beyond the win-lose mentality that thwarts their ability to get what they want. Specifically, the webinar will illustrate how to focus on parties underlying interests to craft win-win deals, plan successfully for any negotiation, recognize win-win potential, address hardball tactics, handle a dispute with care, and even how to get a great deal on your next car. "Leading Change Successfully" will provide an understanding of organizational change frameworks and the reasons people resist change, as well as how to overcome this resistance. This webinar will also demonstrate how to design an effective change communication plan, measure progress and evaluate risks, and more effectively undertake personal change to improve your life and career. Anyone may attend. [Click here to register](#).

#### **Cal Poly to Host IAPRI World Packaging Conference June 17-21**

The Cal Poly Packaging Program will host the 18th International Association of Packaging Research Institutes (IAPRI) World Packaging Conference June 17-21. The event will coincide with the Packaging Program's 25th anniversary. Attendees from more than 20 countries will gather at Cal Poly for the five-day event. Jay Singh, director of the Cal Poly Packaging Program, is IAPRI 2012 conference chair. The conference will offer more than 100 presentations by international packaging experts from industry and academia. For information about registration or sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.iapri2012.com](http://www.iapri2012.com) or contact Jay Singh – director of the Cal Poly Packaging Program and IAPRI 2012 conference chairman – at [jasingh@calpoly.edu](mailto:jasingh@calpoly.edu).

#### **Cal Poly to Host Woody Tasch at Hearst Ranch Fundraiser June 23**

Cal Poly's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences' Center for Sustainability will host its seventh annual fundraising dinner, A Taste of the Future at 6

p.m. Saturday, June 23 at Hearst Ranch, in San Simeon, Calif. Alexis Negranti (B.S., Ag Science, 2009), owner of Negranti Dairy and Artisan Creamery in Templeton, Calif., will receive the 2012 Farmer of the Year honor at the event. Every year, the Center for Sustainability Farmer of the Year award goes to a young Cal Poly graduate and celebrates the efforts and contributions of new farmers educated at Cal Poly. Recently, Negranti told her husband, Wade (B.S., Ag Systems Management, 2010) that she wanted to start milking sheep. Today, the couple operates a small family-owned sheep dairy and creamery known for its natural gourmet ice creams. Negranti's sheep's milk ice cream will be featured at the "Taste of the Future" dinner at the historic Hearst Ranch, featuring locally grown food and wine. [Tickets can be purchased online.](#) [Read more on the fundraiser here.](#)

#### **Children's Summer Pro Drama Workshop Led by Missoula Children's Theatre June 25-30**

A Children's Summer Pro Drama Workshop led by Missoula Children's Theatre will run June 25-30, 2012, for children entering first grade through high school seniors. Auditions will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 25. Cost is \$110. Registration is now open through June 15; limited to 60 spaces. For more information, contact Denise Leader Stoeber at ext. 6-5914 or [dleaders@calpoly.edu](mailto:dleaders@calpoly.edu). Presented by Cal Poly Arts, this one-week workshop experience is perfect for both the beginning actor and the most seasoned young veteran interested in all aspects of creating theater.

[More on the workshop](#)

### **Job Vacancies**

#### **State Employment Opportunities**

The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at [www.calpolyjobs.org](http://www.calpolyjobs.org). To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.

#### **Faculty Employment Opportunities**

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment web site at [www.calpolyjobs.org](http://www.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](http://www.calpolycorporationjobs.org). CPC Human Resources, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407, AA/EEO.

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 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.



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