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### **Cal Poly Professor Featured on KCET Aug. 5**

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Professor Abe Lynn, head of the Architectural Engineering Department at Cal Poly’s College of Architecture and Environmental Design, will be featured on a [KCET-TV](#) special on earthquakes airing at 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5.

The Los Angeles Public Broadcasting Station interviewed Lynn as part of its one-hour special titled, “Getting Ready for the Big One.” Lynn’s interview covered what to do to make homes and other structures safer in earthquake country.

Lynn is the head of a team of scientists convened by the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute in Oakland. The team was dispatched to study the after-effects and damage resulting from the December 2003 San Simeon earthquake. The quake caused an estimated \$250 million in damage and took two lives.

He initially presented findings, along with others in the 25-member team, during a meeting at the California Institute of Technology in February.

The Earthquake Engineering Research Institute ([EERI](#)) receives federal funding from the National Science Foundation to sponsor teams to conduct immediate damage reconnaissance in the wake of earthquakes and to get findings out to government agencies, scientists and the public as quickly as possible, Lynn explained.

The San Simeon quake study was Lynn’s second; he also participated in the EERI study of the Northridge earthquake in 1994.

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