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Photographer, Filmmaker to Speak on Global Communication May 26 at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Photographer and filmmaker Gail Mooney-Kelly will present “Our Global Reach as an Individual in Mass Communication” Thursday, May 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Cal Poly. A reception to meet the speaker will immediately follow her talk. Both events are free and open to the public and will be held in the Lobby of the Performing Arts Center on campus.

“We live in an age where each one of us has the capability to communicate on a global level regardless of where we live, how old we are, or what our beliefs are,” Mooney-Kelly said.

“Using new tools and devices that technology has made possible, we are able to create and distribute our ideas, books, designs, photographs, music and films globally with ease.”

Mooney-Kelly is co-partner of Kelly/Mooney Productions, a visual communications company based in the New York City metropolitan area. She will discuss her current project, titled “Opening Our Eyes,” which chronicles a 99-day around-the-world journey she and her daughter took to make a documentary about people who are making a difference. The film is now in post-production and will be released this summer. A trailer of the film will be shown.

Mooney-Kelly has more than 30 years of experience in still photography, shooting for international magazines and major corporations. In 1999 she began producing and shooting video projects. Since then, her company has become fully integrated with multimedia and video production.

She has produced three short documentaries: “Freedom’s Ride,” a story about two diverse groups of high school students retracing the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s; “The Delta Blues Musicians”; and “Through the Hearts and Hands of Children,” about the New Jersey Youth Symphony.

Mooney-Kelly is a director and vice president of the National Board of the American Society of Media Professions and chairs the Motion Study Group.

The talk is part of the College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Scholar Series 2011, hosted by the Art & Design, Graphic Communication, and Journalism departments. For more information, contact Harvey Levenson, department head of Cal Poly's Graphic Communication Department, at 756-6151 or hlevenso@calpoly.edu.

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