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### **Cal Poly Structural Forum Feb. 2 To Feature Timber Design for the 21st Century**

"The Art of Timber Design" is the topic of the 12th Annual Structural Forum at Cal Poly Feb. 2. The forum features three major designers sharing their experiences and philosophies on timber design for the 21st century.

Scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Rotunda (Room 213) of Cal Poly's Business Building, the forum is free and open to the public.

Presentations will begin at 9:30 a.m. with guest lecturer Thomas G. Williamson, who will talk on "Engineered Wood Design and Construction -- 2002." Williamson is the director of the Technical Services Division of APA -- The Engineered Wood Association and oversees a staff of scientists, engineers and technicians involved in all aspects of research and product evaluation for glued composite wood products. He also serves as executive vice president of Engineered Wood Systems.

Robert (Ben) Brungraber will talk about timber joinery at 10:45 a.m. Known as Doctor Joint, Brungraber is a member of the Benson Woodworking team in New Hampshire. Brungraber has earned graduate degrees in construction management and timber framing. For more than 20 years he has specialized in heavy timber structures and is known for his research in timber joinery methods.

After lunch, James R. Cagley, president of Maryland-based Cagley and Associates, will give the final presentation at 2 p.m. Cagley will go beyond the numbers of engineering and explore the creativity that the design of structures requires. He is the current chairman of the American Concrete Institute and founder and first president of the National Council of Structural Engineers Associations.

The event is hosted by the Cal Poly Architectural Engineering

Department's student chapter of the Structural Engineers Association of California, a club in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

For more information see the Architectural Engineering Web site [www.arce.calpoly.edu](http://www.arce.calpoly.edu) or call (805) 756-1314.

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