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Two Artists to Talk on Art, Science and the Natural World Feb. 6 at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO – A conversation between Josie Iselin, a photographer, writer and book designer, and Ruta Saliklis, director of exhibitions and development at the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, will take place from 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Feb. 6, in Cal Poly's Kennedy Library, Room 111-H.

The presentation, "The Seaweed Specimen: Ocean to Lab to Art Museum," is the second STEAM (STEM+Art) presentation hosted by the Data Studio at Kennedy Library. The two will discuss Iselin's work in the context of the burgeoning STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) movement, which incorporates the arts into STEM subjects.

Iselin takes the traditional pressed seaweed specimen -- invaluable to scientists and beloved by collectors -- into a contemporary portrait format using a flatbed scanner. Her work is a nexus where art, the natural world, and science converge.

This conversation is offered in partnership with the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, where Iselin's "Intertidal Heroes" exhibit is on display until March 1.

Iselin earned a bachelor's degree in visual and environmental studies from Harvard College and a Master of Fine Arts degree from San Francisco State University.

Faculty, students and community members are welcome to the Feb. 6 presentation; light refreshments will be served.

More information is available online at: <http://libguides.calpoly.edu/datastudio>.

Photo: "Palmeria Mollis" by Josie Iselin

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