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GAY COMMUNITY TO BE TOPIC OF PROVOCATIVE PERSPECTIVES MAY 8
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Cal Poly’s Provocative Perspectives series continues on Thursday, May 8, when speaker Glenda Russell will discuss “Sustaining Movement: Generational Cycles in the Gay Community” as part of Pride Week. The free event will take place in Sage Restaurant, formerly Vista Grande, beginning with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and followed by the lecture at 8. To read more about Russell’s presentation, visit http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/April/russell.htm

MULTICULTURAL CENTER WELCOMES ASIAN AMERICAN FILM EXPERT MAY 8
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Celeste Parreñas Shimizu will lead a lecture entitled “The Hypersexuality of Race” as part of Asian American/Pacific Islander month on Thursday, May 8, from 4-6 p.m. in the University Union, Room 220. For more information, visit http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/April/islander.html

PROFESSOR LIN SPEAKING ON NANOETHICS MAY 10
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Cal Poly’s Nanoethics Group director, Patrick Lin, will be the featured speaker at The Discovery Institute for the Advancement of Science and Technology Education’s Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Showcase on Saturday, May 10, at Cuesta College. Lin, a visiting assistant professor at Cal Poly and post-doctoral associate at Dartmouth College, will present “Nanotechnology’s Promises and Challenges.”

In his talk, he will focus on the basics of nanotechnology and its applications in such areas as computing, the military, medicine, energy, environment, and food and agriculture. He will also explore the ethical and social issues arising from nanotechnology. For more information, visit http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/April/nanoethics-talk.html

FACULTY AND STUDENTS TO MEET WITH LEGISLATORS IN SACRAMENTO
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Faculty members Lynne Slivovsky and Tom Trice and Cal Poly students will travel to Sacramento May 12 to meet with legislators as part of the budget advocacy campaign. During their meetings with legislators, they will share stories to demonstrate the important role Cal Poly plays in preparing young people not only to enter the state's
workforce, but to act as engaged citizens who contribute at local, regional and state levels.

ALUMNUS SPEAKS ON SUSTAINABILITY TO CAL POLY HONORS PROGRAM MAY 12

Cal Poly alumnus Alex Pryor, one of the founders of the Guyaki - Yerba Mate company, will speak on sustainability Monday, May 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Room 202 of the Kennedy Library. Pryor and Cal Poly alumnus David Karr began the company as a result of their 1996 senior project. For details on the event, contact Cal Poly's Sustainable Agriculture Resource Consortium office or visit www.sarc.calpoly.edu.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES PROFESSOR SPEAKS ON WOMEN AND ISLAM, LIFE AFTER 9/11

Zayn Kassam, chair of the Religious Studies Department at Pomona College, will give talks on Monday and Tuesday, May 12 and 13, as part of a Cal Poly lecture series on Islam in the Modern World. Kassam will present “My Journey After 9/11” from 7 to 9 p.m. May 12 in the Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering Building, Room 123. On May 13 from 11 a.m. to noon she will talk on “The Veil: Piety or Punishment,” also in the Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering Building, Room 123. Kassam is a frequent commentator on Islam in the modern world. For more information, visit http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/April/women-islam.html

CAL POLY HOSTING FREE WORKSHOP ON ‘GREEN’ GRASS LANDSCAPING MAY 14

Find out how to use grass and turf on the roof, on the wall, and as pavement in a free workshop at Cal Poly May 14. Cal Poly’s Sustainable Agriculture Resource Consortium and the Horticulture and Crop Science Department will host “Innovations in Green Landscaping” at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, in Room B-5 in the Science Building. For more information, visit http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/May/grass.html

DECODING IDENTITY IN QUEER DETECTIVE FICTION, LECTURE MAY 15

A discussion by Faye Stewart on "Reading the Lavender Herring: Decoding Identity in Queer Detective Fiction" takes place Thursday, May 15, from 11 a.m. to noon in the Erhart Agriculture Building, Room 220.

A luncheon follows in the Faculty Offices North Building, Room 14-B. Stewart will examine the similarities between crime and sexuality, which exhibit varying degrees of coherence and incoherence and are both encoded as potentially solvable riddles. Stewart untangles the diverse modes of code-reading employed in detective narratives and their structural relationships to the work of reading sexuality. For more information, contact Corinna Kahnke at ext. 6-1620.
DUI AWARENESS PROGRAM EVENT MAY 18
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University Police Officer Chad Reiley and student, Ben Turley, will host a DUI Awareness Program event on Sunday, May 18, at 1 p.m. The first 50 people to RSVP can drive a golf cart through a cone pattern, wearing impaired vision goggles. All participants are required to attend the Safety/DUI awareness presentation beginning at 1 p.m. Meet at Sierra Madre Lobby. RSVP to bturley@calpoly.edu. For more information, visit http://police.calpoly.edu/info/PUBL%20DUI%20Awareness%202008%20Andrus.pdf

MIDWIFERY, POLITICS OF GENETICS TO BE EXPLORED IN TWO TALKS MAY 20
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Barbara Katz Rothman of the City University of New York will explore the world of midwives and social and political issues related to the human genome project in two separate talks, both set for Tuesday, May 20. Rothman will speak on "Midwifery and the Politics of Knowledge" from 11:10 a.m. to noon in the Erhart Agriculture Building, Room 220.

Rothman's second talk, titled "Through a Crystal Darkly: The Racial and Gender Politics of the New Genetics," is scheduled from 4:10 to 5:30 p.m., in Room 106, Manufacturing Building. In this talk, Rothman will look at some of the issues raised when the much-heralded completion of the human genome project was completed in 2000. For more information, contact Jane Lehr in the Ethnic Studies Department at ext. 6-6442 or jlehr@calpoly.edu.

CAL POLY WOMEN'S CLUB TO HOLD FUNDRAISER MAY 22
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The Cal Poly Women's Club will host the benefit-night performance of "My Fair Lady" at the San Luis Obispo Little Theatre on Thursday, May 22. The evening will include the musical play, a raffle and refreshments. Proceeds will help fund Cal Poly student scholarships. Tickets are $15. For reservations and more information, call 544-8255 or 544-0124.

RUSSELL’S COMPOSITIONS TO PREMIER AT WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL JUNE 8
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New music by noted contemporary composer and Cal Poly Professor Craig Russell will be premiered by the San Luis Obispo Symphony at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles on Sunday, June 8. The 2 p.m. concert will also feature guest performances by renowned guitarist José María Gallardo del Rey, violinist Kathleen Lenski, and French hornist Richard Todd. For more information, visit http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/May/Russell_Disney.html

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION DEAN RECEIVES NATIONAL RESEARCH AWARD
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Bonnie Konopak, dean of Cal Poly’s College of Education, has received the 2008 Award for Distinguished Research in Teacher Education. The award was presented by the Association of Teacher Educators and recognized Konopak and her co-authors for their research study, “Student Engagement in the Teaching and Learning of Grammar: A Case Study of an Early Career Secondary English Teacher.” The study was published in the Journal of Teacher Education. For more information, visit http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/April/Konopak.html

PROVOST’S LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR PARTNERSHIP IN PHILANTHROPY

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 2008 Fall Conference. Faculty, staff and current students are eligible to submit nominations.

The nomination form is available at http://www.academicaffairs.calpoly.edu/provost/ProvostLIPAward.html and should be submitted to Eileen Amaral, Advancement Programs, Heron Hall, Room 208, or emaral@calpoly.edu no later than 5 p.m., June 13. For more information, contact Amaral at ext. 6-1590.

CATASTROPHIC LEAVE DRIVE FOR FRANK CALABRESE

Frank Calabrese, electrician in Facility Services, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. To donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Calabrese remain in full pay status during an extended leave of absence, contact Laura McCarren in Facility Services at ext. 6-5212 or lmccarr@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

THIS WEEK IN MUSTANG ATHLETICS

Softball vs. UC Riverside, Friday, May 9, 4 p.m., Bob Jassen Field*
Softball vs. UC Riverside, Friday, May 9, 6:30 p.m., Bob Jassen Field*
Softball vs. UC Riverside, Saturday, May 10, noon, Bob Jassen Field*

Baseball vs. Pepperdine, Tuesday, May 13, 6 p.m., Baggett Stadium

*Big West Conference
Tickets are available by calling the Mustang Athletic Ticket Office at ext. 6-5806 or go to http://www.gopoly.com

STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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


FACULTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Faculty candidates are asked to visit our online employment Web site at http://calpolyjobs.org to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified.

#101659–Tenure Track Position, Nutrition, Food Science and Nutrition Department, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, ext. 6-2205. Review begins: June 17.

ASI EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Employment candidates are asked to visit www.asi.calpoly.edu to complete an application and apply for positions listed below. For more information, contact the ASI Business Office in UU, Room 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

Coordinator, Student Government Affairs, $43,926/year. Temporary appointment to be reviewed annually.

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