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Cal Poly Construction Management Graduate Receives $20,000 Fellowship

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly construction management graduate Joe Karten was recently awarded the Victor L. Regnier Traveling Fellowship and $20,000 for his proposal to research sustainable buildings in foreign countries and create a Web-based database of case studies of the buildings he visits.

Sponsored by the American Council of Construction Education and The Regnier Family Foundation, the fellowship provides $20,000 for travel and living expenses during a nine-month independent study program.

Karten's trip begins May 30 in Mexico, where he will spend three months volunteering at Mexico's Green Building Council helping create a standard for sustainable building similar to the United States' Green Building Council's LEED standard.

Following his work in Mexico, he will travel to Europe where he will meet with architects, contractors and planners in Spain, Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Holland. He will also visit and research sustainable building projects in those countries and will study techniques used to achieve sustainability in the building industry.

In late July follow Karten's travel and see information about on-going research findings at www.caed.calpoly.edu. For more information about Cal Poly's Construction Management Department, visit http://construction.calpoly.edu/. For information about the Regnier Traveling Fellowship, visit www.regniertravelingfellowship.org.

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