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## Cal Poly to Host 'Alternative Religions' November Lecture Series

SAN LUIS OBISPO — The Cal Poly Religious Studies program will celebrate "Alternative Religions" month with a lecture series Thursday, Nov. 13, and Tuesday, Nov. 19.

In "Ayurveda and Tibetan Buddhism," Robert Sachs, a practicing Buddhist and local Ayurvedic guide, will talk about how health has been integrated across various religious systems. He will introduce guests to the beginnings of the Ayurveda and how it is defined by Buddhist spiritual and philosophical ideas. The presentation, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 13 in Room 215 in the Science North Building (No. 53), will explore Ayurveda's ancient and holistic framework for health and how it has reached across different religions.

The second lecture, from 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 18, is titled "Brethren in Christ: The Christodelphians." The discussion will center on the "Christodelphian Belief System," which has approximately 60,000 followers worldwide.

The lecture will delve into the Christodelphian claim of the possession of lost, early teachings of the Christian church. The talk will address the belief in these early documents and the resulting Christodelphian rejection of the immortality of the soul, the Trinity, the existence of hell, and the fear of Satan.

The Nov. 18 talk will be held in Room 249 in the Pilling Computer Science Building (No. 14).

Both events are free and open to the public.

### Links

- Religious Studies Program: [http://cla.calpoly.edu/rels/rels\\_about.htm](http://cla.calpoly.edu/rels/rels_about.htm)
- Philosophy Department: <http://cla.calpoly.edu/phil.html>
- College of Liberal Arts: <http://cla.calpoly.edu/>

### About the Cal Poly Religious Studies Program

The Cal Poly Religious Studies Program is dedicated to the objective study of the many forms religion takes around the world from a variety of perspectives. Part of the Philosophy Department in the College of Liberal Arts, the program offers students a minor option in religious studies. The program's slogan "Understanding, Convivencia, Peace," represents its dedication to understanding other points of view, embracing diversity, practicing productive harmony, and moving toward peace. Through the program, students gain an understanding of diverse cultures and people, cross-cultural approaches, and respect for other values and truths.

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