Cal Poly Names Philip Williams as Dean of College of Liberal Arts

Philip J. Williams, Ph.D., professor of political science and director of the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida, has been named as the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Provost Kathleen Enz Finken announced. Williams succeeds Interim Dean Kathryn Rummell, longtime chair of the English Department, who has led the college since August after the retirement of previous dean Doug Epperson. Williams earned his master’s degree in Latin American Studies and doctorate in politics from the University of Oxford. He is a native of California and earned his bachelor’s degree in political science from UCLA. He has taught political science since 1987, first as an assistant professor at Truman State University in Missouri from 1987-89 and as an assistant, associate, and then full professor at the University of Florida. He served as chair of the university’s Political Science Department from 2004 to 2007. Williams has a long record of commitment to diversity and inclusion at the University of Florida, including his support of undocumented students and his leadership since 2009 of the Center for Latin American Studies, a campuswide hub that leads and supports initiatives to increase academic engagement, research collaboration, and international education opportunities focused on Latin America and the Caribbean.

Inclusion Starts with Me Teach In Set for Feb. 21

As part of the university’s continuous commitment to diversity and inclusion, the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) is pleased to announce the third Inclusion Starts with Me Teach In from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21. The event is open to the campus community and will feature several Cal Poly educators. The Inclusion Starts with Me Teach In is a partnership with the CLA, the Office of University Diversity and Inclusion (OUDI), and Academic Affairs. View a full schedule of events at https://cla.calpoly.edu/teach-in.

Pixar Pro Will Share Her Lighting Magic in College of Engineering Diversity Series

Danielle Feinberg, whose TED Talk about working at Pixar Animation Studios has inspired scores of girls to pursue computer science, will give a talk, “The Art and Science of Bringing Imagined Worlds to Life,” from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 21, in the auditorium of the Advanced Technologies Laboratory (No. 7). Feinberg, who is the director of photography and lighting at Pixar, has worked on several blockbuster films, including “WALL-E,” “Finding Nemo” and “Coco.” Growing up in Boulder, Colorado, she attended summer camps and after-school programs for elementary students interested in computer programming and engineering. Eventually, Feinberg went to Harvard, where she was one of few women pursuing computer science. At 22, she joined Pixar, working first as a technician on “A Bug’s Life,” before quickly becoming a vital part of the franchise’s trademark lighting magic. Her talk is part of the Cal Poly Engineering Diversity and Inclusion Speaker Series.

Join Women’s Basketball for Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night Feb. 21

As a sign of appreciation for everything faculty and staff members do for this university, Cal Poly Athletics is pleased to offer four free general admission tickets to the women’s basketball game on Thursday, Feb. 21, as part of Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night. The Mustangs will be taking on UC Riverside at 7 p.m. in Mott Athletics Center. Faculty and staff can claim their free tickets by showing their Cal Poly ID at the Cal Poly Ticket Office or at the Mott Athletics Center box office on the night of the game. For more information or to purchase tickets to other women’s basketball games, visit www.gopoly.com.
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**Employment**

**Corporation Employment Opportunities**
Cal Poly Corporation is a separate entity operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. To view job postings or apply, visit [https://www.calpolycorporationjobs.org/](https://www.calpolycorporationjobs.org/). For assistance, contact Human Resources at ext. 6-1121.

**Grant Program Assistant**, School of Education, $16.55-$24.84 per hour.

**ASI Employment Opportunities**
Candidates are asked to visit [http://www.asi.calpoly.edu/jobs](http://www.asi.calpoly.edu/jobs) to complete an ASI application and apply for open positions. For more information, visit the ASI Business Office in UU 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

**Building Service Worker** (Recreational Sports), $15.00/hour with excellent benefits. Position open until filled.

**Building Service Worker** (University Union), $15.00/hour with excellent benefits. Position open until filled.

**Teacher** (Children's Center), $15.44/hour with excellent benefits. Position open until filled.

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**Cal Poly Corporation Marks 10 Years of Support for Prado Day Center**
Cal Poly Corporation and Campus Dining are proud of their ongoing efforts to support the Prado Day Center, a service center for the homeless community in San Luis Obispo. The bi-monthly effort was started by Carly Baker, wife of Cal Poly President Emeritus Warren Baker. Several corporation employees are part of a group of Cal Poly supporters who volunteer their time the third Monday of every other month, serving lunch to about 120 Prado Day Center clients. Campus Dining prepares and provides part of the meal that is served by the Cal Poly group. Carly Baker and Sharon Armstrong, President Armstrong’s wife, have continued to make the volunteer service a priority, with the assistance of Campus Dining and Cal Poly Corporation. “We have been so fortunate to have the ongoing support of the Cal Poly community,” said Mary Parker, president of the People’s Kitchen board of directors. “They play a very important role in our organization’s success.”

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**Faculty and Staff Mixer to be Held at Myron’s on Feb. 21**
A poke bowl bar will be offered at the faculty and staff mixer from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Myron’s Bistro. The menu will offer poke bowls with your choice of ahi tuna or tofu, wonton chips, cucumber salad, Asian chicken salad in lettuce cups, shrimp shumai, steamed pot stickers, vegetable spring rolls and mochi for dessert. Two glasses of beer or wine will also be included, all for only $5. There will also be a raffle chance to win lunch for two at Myron’s, located upstairs in the Dining Complex (No. 19), across from the Rec Center. For additional information, visit [https://www.calpolydining.com/myrons/](https://www.calpolydining.com/myrons/).

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**Catastrophic Leave**

**Erika Diaz Cota**, administrative analyst/specialist in University Housing, has qualified for catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate leave credits to help her remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact catastrophic leave coordinator Karen Schmidt at ext. 6-1585 or kdschmid@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

**Sean Moore**, custodian in Facilities Management — Custodial Services, has qualified for catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate leave credits to help him remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact catastrophic leave coordinator Laura McCarren at ext. 6-5212 or lmccarre@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

**James Scarborough**, faculty lecturer in the Communications Studies Department, has qualified for catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate leave credits to help him remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact catastrophic leave coordinator Rocio Alvear at ext. 6-2554 or ralvear@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.