



Employment

Faculty Employment Opportunities

Visit jobs.calpoly.edu for all available job openings. The part-time lecturer pools are now open. For assistance, call Academic Personnel at ext. 6-2844.

#496841 — Tenure-Track, Assistant/Associate Professor Agriculture Communication, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. Open until filled.

#496752 — Full-Time Lecturer, Livestock Production, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. Open until filled.

#496626 — Full-Time Lecturer, Natural Resources Management and Environmental Sciences, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. Open until filled.

#496312 — Full-Time Lecturer, Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering. Open until filled.

#496545 — Full-Time Lecturer, Psychology/Sociology of Exercise and Sport, College of Science and Mathematics. Open until filled.

#496657 — Full-Time Lecturer, Political Science, College of Liberal Arts. Open until filled.

#496700 — Full-Time Lecturer, Visiting Professor Political Science, College of Liberal Arts. Open until filled.

Resources Available to Support Mental Health and Well-Being

The university hopes campus community members are taking care of themselves during this time and not hesitating to reach out for support. There are numerous resources available for faculty, staff and students to take care of their mental health and well-being. Human Resources and Campus Health and Wellbeing have compiled a list of resources:

— Employee Assistance Program confidential counseling services is available to employees and their families at 800-367-7474

or <https://afd.calpoly.edu/hr/employee-resources/work-life>.

— Working Remotely Toolkit: <https://afd.calpoly.edu/learn-and-grow/employee-development/toolkits/working-remotely>.

— Mindfulness Resources: <https://afd.calpoly.edu/learn-and-grow/employee-development/toolkits/mindfulness>.

— Ergonomics tips for working from home: https://afd.calpoly.edu/learn-and-grow/docs/ergonomic_tips_for_working_at_home.pdf.

— Text START to 741-741 or call 1-800-273-TALK (8253) for a confidential conversation anytime (Jed Foundation).

— Text STEVE to 741-741 to access a culturally trained Crisis Text Line counselor (The Steve Fund).

— Faculty and staff can remind students of key resources including the Counseling Center, Cross Cultural Centers, and the Dean of Students Office. Students can call Counseling Services at 805-756-2511 for 24/7 psychological support. In addition, employees should try to get sufficient sleep, exercise and proper nutrition. Try to take breaks from work and develop separation or boundaries from your workspace or transition to and from work. Human Resources notes that a decline in productivity is normal during a challenging time, and encourages all campus community members to practice compassion with themselves and each other.

University Housing Move Out Continues Through June 14

University Housing continues to ask faculty and staff to help move students out of campus residence halls and apartments. Currently active employees, including student assistants who are currently working on campus, can sign up for two-hour shifts from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through June 14. Volunteers are especially needed on June 12-14. Employees must get approval from their supervisor. Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d44aca928a0ff2-20201> to sign up for a shift. Helpers must wear face coverings and gloves; University Housing will provide these items if needed. For updates and information about the university's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, continue to visit coronavirus.calpoly.edu.

Cal Poly Corporation Board of Directors to Meet June 12

The board of directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold a regular meeting virtually via Zoom webinar at 8:30 a.m. Friday, June 12. This is a public meeting. To join the meeting use the following Zoom webinar link and call-in information: <https://calpoly.zoom.us/j/96740586910?pwd=Z1JSN2JRek5hcS9Cb3MzZmUzV0o1Zz09>

— Password: 217179; call-in number: 1-669-900-6833

Public comments for this meeting must be submitted no later than 5

p.m. Thursday, June 11, via email to cpcadmin@calpoly.edu. Request a copy of the agenda on June 5, by emailing cpcadmin@calpoly.edu or visit the Cal Poly Corporation website at <https://www.calpolycorporation.org/organization-profile/governance/meeting-agendas-minutes/>.

Cal Poly Report

June 3, 2020

Retirements

Agricultural Education and Communication Department Head **Robert Flores** is retiring after 37 years at Cal Poly. Flores taught introductory and graduate level courses and supervised student teachers in agricultural education, chairing several committees for students completing their master's degree. He led the Agricultural Education and Communication Department for 11 years. In addition, he has been the advisor to the Latinos in Agriculture student organization since 1993 and a core faculty member of the California Agricultural Leadership Program (CALP) for the past 20 years. He was awarded the Ocean Mist Outstanding Faculty Member award for 2010 by the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences at Cal Poly. In September 2017, he was recognized as with the Hispanic Heritage Award at Cal Poly. Flores earned his bachelors and master's degrees at Cal Poly, and completed his doctorate at Texas A&M University. Flores, his wife, Sheryl, and their three sons are all graduates of Cal Poly.

After 15 years with Cal Poly, **Debra Sherburne**, head of Administrative Services for the Office of the Provost, is calling it a day. During her time on campus, Sherburne exemplified the ability to remain calm under pressure. She credits this superpower to her time as a police and fire dispatcher, first for the Atascadero Police Department and then the Cal Poly Police Department. In 2006, Sherburne switched gears and accepted a position in the Office of the Provost. She amusingly recalls she did not know what a provost was prior to her interview. After serving five provosts, some would say she is a subject matter expert. In her current role, she is grateful that she was able to experience the complete change in executive leadership, which included a new president, provost, vice presidents and deans. When asked what she will miss the most about Cal Poly, she responded: "The people, those who shared their humor and support with me over the years. I was privileged to work with some amazing campus leaders, administrative colleagues and police officers." Life after Cal Poly will include travel with her husband, Creig, and time with her three grown children, their spouses, and six grandchildren. Until it is safe to travel, she is planning a "year of creativity" to landscape her yard. Sherburne's last day is June 30. In lieu of a party, please celebrate Sherburne with well wishes via email at dsherbur@calpoly.edu.

Longtime Horticulture and Crop Science Professor **Wyatt Brown** will retire at the end of spring quarter while continuing to teach under the Faculty Early Retirement Program through spring 2021. His distinguished career as a vegetable scientist/postharvest physiologist began in 1990 in the then Crop Science Department. He has served as the Horticulture and Crop Science assistant department head since 2008. During his nearly three decades at Cal Poly, he taught or helped to teach 14 courses and supervised 11 graduate students. During his tenure, Brown also helped to bring in over \$2 million in grant funding. He was awarded two patents; one in 2015 and one in 2019, and was awarded the university's Distinguished Scholarship Award in 2015, among other accolades. Brown plans to return to campus one quarter a year to teach his signature Postharvest Technology class and to assist with the course California Vegetable Production. He looks forward to having more time to pursue gourmet cooking, traveling, spending time with friends, increasing his overall fitness and his proficiency in Spanish and Japanese.

In Memoriam

Rhoda M. DeSomer, a staff member in Cal Poly's College of Architecture and Environmental Design in the 1980s, died April 28 in Atascadero at the age of 96. DeSomer provided secretarial support to the dean as well as to professors in the Architecture Department from 1983-87. She also assisted with the administration of the graduate student admissions process. DeSomer saved some letters of recommendation, one of which noted that she was essential to the smooth operation of the department, which was then in the midst of some transitions. "Rhoda bravely and calmly passed every test with high marks, evidencing the fact of her professional awareness and experience," the letter stated. "Her delightful personality was an important balancing ingredient in the bargain." DeSomer and her husband, Bob, lived in Morro Bay since 1974 and owned and operated DeSomer Home Appliance (now Morro Bay Appliance) until they retired in the 1990s. In later years, DeSomer learned to play the organ, and served as an organist for churches in San Luis Obispo County, including the Christian Science church, where she was a member. Visit <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sanluisobispo/obituary.aspx?n=rhoda-desomer&pid=196142826> to read DeSomer's full obituary.