**Employment Opportunities**

For all available job openings, visit [jobs.calpoly.edu](http://jobs.calpoly.edu). All new positions opened this week are listed below. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.


**#507231 — Instructional Support Technician** — Chemistry and Biochemistry (Instructional Support Technician II) — Academic Affairs — College of Science and Mathematics. $46,884-$81,348 annually. Anticipated hiring range: $50,000-$65,000 annually. Open until filled.

**#513285 — Study Abroad Coordinator** — Temporary (Student Services Professional III) — Academic Affairs — Cal Poly International Center. $4,691-$6,683 per month (based on full-time work schedule). Anticipated hiring salary: $2,375 per month (based on part-time work schedule). This is a part-time (0.5 FTE) six-month temporary position. Open until filled.


**#513384 — Associate Director of Planning for Facilities Planning and Capital Projects (Administrator II)** — Administration and Finance — Facilities Management and Development. Open until filled.

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**Journalism Department Receives Full Accreditation**

The Journalism Department has received full accreditation, joining 117 other programs around the world to receive such validation. The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC), the agency responsible for the evaluation of professional journalism and mass communications programs in colleges and universities, voted 18-0 at its April 29 meeting in Chicago in favor of the Journalism Department receiving full accreditation. Cal Poly is now one of eight journalism programs in the CSU system to be fully accredited by ACEJMC. Accredited programs, which are reviewed on a six-year cycle, are eligible for external funding and are more attractive to both students and industry partners. Of the roughly 500 journalism and mass communications programs in the U.S., less than one-fourth are fully accredited.

**Horticultural and Crop Science Department Changes Name**

The Horticulture and Crop Science Department in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences has changed its name to the Plant Sciences Department. The agricultural and environmental plant sciences major will also be renamed. The department, formed in 2002, offers curriculum that is designed to train plant scientists who are ready upon graduation to make informed decisions and recommendations on sustainable farming and horticultural practices that maximize plant production and protection while minimizing economic, environmental and social impacts. The name change enables the program to clearly convey its academic mission and broaden recruitment of applicants who may or may not have a background in agriculture and allow them to be successful in robust careers throughout California and beyond. The plant sciences major allows students to focus on one of three concentrations: environmental horticultural sciences, fruit and crop science, and plant protection science.
Campus Community Invited to Update on Semester Conversion

Philosophy Professor Rachel Fernflores, director of the Semester Conversion, will provide an update on the conversion in two webinars scheduled for faculty, staff and students at the following times:

- Wednesday, May 25, 5:20-6 p.m.: https://calpoly.zoom.us/s/83371829170
- Thursday, May 26, 11:10 a.m.-noon: https://calpoly.zoom.us/s/86475857529

Contact Fernflores at rfernflo@calpoly.edu with any questions.

Join Bike to Work Day on May 20

Transportation and Parking Services will host a Bike to Work Day event from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Friday, May 20, on the patio area of the Baker Center for Science and Mathematics, close to the Via Carta bike path. Stop by for snacks, giveaways and prizes, and enter for a chance to win a campus bike locker rental for the 2022-23 academic year.

Retirements

Sue Tonik, grants analyst in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences dean’s office and Agricultural Research Institute campus co-coordinator, has retired after 23 years. In that time, her consistent record of commitment and excellence in her contributions to the college, campus and CSU, including her strong work ethic, her detailed knowledge of the research process, and empathy with faculty, staff and students made her a treasured resource. She was a founding member of the CSU Agricultural Research Institute Logistics Group, which has been responsible for implementing and frequently creating, policy and procedures across CSU campuses. Her efforts assisted in the acquisition of over $40 million in funding to support a broad range of applied research projects at Cal Poly in agriculture and natural resources. She spearheaded the change to having grants provide tuition assistance to graduate students working on thesis projects. She also taught a grants class for campus personnel and was generous with her time for anyone in need of assistance. She won the Talley Farms Agriculture Staff award in 2011 and the CAFES Outstanding Staff award in 2016. An avid quilter, she is currently busy making quilts for Ukrainian refugees.

India D’Avignon will retire at the end of August. She is a proud Mustang and Buckeye since she came to campus in 2008 from Columbus, Ohio, where she taught and chaired the piano and organ department at the Capital University Conservatory of Music; and earned her graduate degree from The Ohio State University. She began serving a three-year term as chair at Cal Poly in fall 2019, then when faced with COVID-19 just months later worked to find ways for students who participate in the department’s performing ensembles to safely meet in person. She developed several initiatives to foster student success including a Curriculum Innovation Committee, Mentor/Mentee program, Student Ambassador Outreach Program, Music Major Workshops and Chat with the Chair group meetings. She was instrumental in getting the renovation and expansion of the Davidson Music Center back on the CSU’s schedule. A highlight was when she traveled to Kenya with several choir members to participate in a choral exchange. She has served on the Academic Senate, has been involved with two national accreditation reviews of the department and is a member of the Cal Poly Arts board of directors. She will be joining in retirement her husband Ignati Vakalis, who chaired the Computer Science and Software Engineering Department for 11 years.

Craig H. Russell started teaching at Cal Poly in 1982 after earning his doctorate from the University of North Carolina. He has received the 2007 Wang Family Excellence Award; the 2007 Cal Poly Distinguished Research Award; the 1996 President’s Arts Award; the 1994-95 CSU Trustee’s Outstanding Professor Award, CSU’s highest honor; and the 1994-95 Cal Poly Outstanding Faculty Award. In 2013 he was inducted into the prestigious Reial Acadèmie Catalana de Belles Arts de Sant Jordi (one of a few North American scholars to be inducted into the Spanish Royal Academy). He is steeped in the music of Spain and the Hispano-American world, having published more than 100 juried articles on 18th-century Hispanic studies, Mexican cathedral music, the California missions, and American popular culture. He authored 26 articles for “The New Grove Dictionary” and collaborated with Chanticleer on a DVD film and four CDs, two of which received Gramophone award nominations. His scholarship includes four major books. Russell’s compositions are released on Naxos as part of the American Classics series and have been widely performed in Europe, Australia, and the U.S., including concerts of his orchestral compositions in Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, the Sydney Opera House, and the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

A reception for D’Avignon and Russell will be held June 5 in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center immediately following the Cal Poly Symphony and Choirs’ 3 p.m. concert in the PAC’s Miossi Hall.