

Subject: IS NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/14

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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

WEEKLY NEWS 10/14

NOTE FROM DR. KIRBY

We are now moving towards the middle of the Fall quarter. Which has been something said every year at Cal Poly for the last 100 or so years. But next year we will be talking about this time of year differently. I will probably be saying something like “We are still in the early parts of the semester.” That is a pretty historic change for the university. For students this means that it is your last (and for some of you your first) time learning under the quarter system. So, I encourage you to enjoy this final time under quarters (even if you are actually looking forward to semesters). It’s always worth pausing to notice when changes like this occur.

If you have any news or events that you would like to share with your fellow IS majors then please let us know at is@calpoly.edu.

My office hours this quarter will be Tu 1-3PM and Th 1-3PM. You can drop by my office (note my new office: 52-D4) at these times or you can contact me via Zoom using this link: 6247671135. As always, I am also happy to set up other meeting times if you are not able to make these office hours. Just send me an email and we can arrange a day/time.



MEET KEELY - YOUR ISLA STUDENT ASSISTANT!

Hi everyone! I'm Keely, a fourth year ISLA major/STS minor. I am also the ISLA student assistant!



I create these newsletters, run our ISLA social media, and support events throughout the quarter. I'm also here as a resource for you — whether you have questions about the ISLA program, need help navigating course selection or declaring a concentration/minor, or want to get more involved in the ISLA community.

✉ My contact information: kfrobert@calpoly.edu

I'd love to hear from you — don't hesitate to reach out, connect, or say hi around campus!

STUDENT SUCCESSES

A CAL POLY MUSTANG FILM SOCIETY PRODUCTION









STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: NATALIE VENABLE AT THE PORTLAND FILM FESTIVAL

Big congratulations to Natalie Venable, director of the short film *Sticky*, which was featured at the Portland Film Festival this fall! 🌟

Sticky was produced by the Mustang Film Society, showcasing the creativity and talent of Cal Poly students in film and storytelling. Natalie represented the film at the festival — way to go!



Check out photos from the event and the official *Sticky* poster above!

SENIOR PROJECT INFO SESSION

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Curious about how to get started with your senior project? Join us for an info session to learn more!



Tuesday, October 21



11:10 AM – 12:00 PM



Zoom: [Join Here](#)



Meeting ID: 385 162 8168

Don't miss this chance to get your questions answered and set yourself up for success.

ISLA ASSOCIATED CLUBS



Cal Poly ISLA Club

Instagram
[@calpolyislaclub](https://www.instagram.com/calpolyislaclub)

Slack



ISLA CLUB

A group of students has founded the ISLA club as a space for ISLA students to meet and connect! The first meeting has been held, but meetings will continue across the quarter.

Follow the Instagram @calpolyislaclub or join the GroupMe for more updates.



MUSTANG FILM SOCIETY

Mustang Film Society is a new club on campus aimed at fostering a community around film and providing students interested in film with opportunities to connect to others in the film industry and explore their interests! This may be of interest to any MAST minor students.

If interested, please contact Dr. Emily Ryalls at eryalls@calpoly.edu or follow the Instagram @mustangfilmsociety

EVENTS

2025 CALIFORNIA

FORUM FOR DIVERSITY IN GRADUATE EDUCATION

Saturday, October 18, 2025

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

University of California, Merced

CONNECT

The Forum is a free event aimed to increase access to graduate degree programs. Learn about academic pathways and opportunities for graduate education. If you are navigating barriers or have had limited access to opportunities, this event is designed for you.

PREPARE

Choose and participate in over 20 live workshops explaining the graduate school application process, PhD and Master's education, and discipline-specific topics.

EXPLORE

Explore graduate opportunities by attending a fair with over 100 recruiters especially wanting to meet YOU!

FREE LUNCH!

The Forum is open to all California undergraduate and master's students.

Scan to
Register



Register for free here or scan QR code

<https://calstate.eventsair.com/2025-diversity-forum/student/Site/Register>

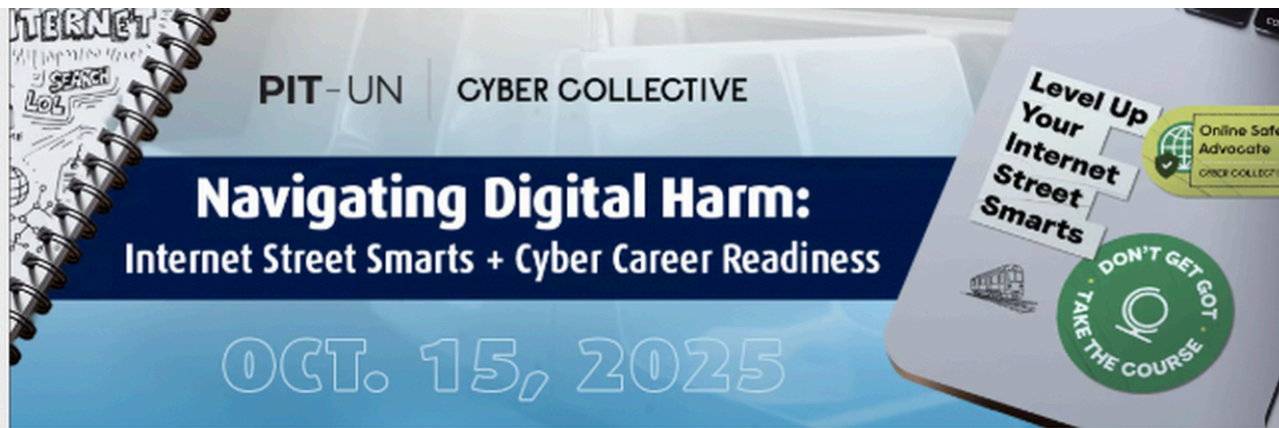
CALIFORNIA FORUM FOR DIVERSITY IN GRADUATE EDUCATION

 Thu, 10/2 | 10:10–11 a.m. | [Zoom link](#)

The California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education will be held at UC Merced on Oct. 18. This FREE event is open to all undergrad and master's students pursuing advanced degrees. Bus transportation and meals are provided.

Register by Oct. 6 (or earlier if spaces fill): [Register here](#).

Learn more at caldiversityforum.org or join the info session.



Public Invitation. Protect Yourself Online + Explore Cyber Careers

Cyber Collective and the Public Interest Technology University Network (PIT-UN) are teaming up to bring you a **free, 90-minute interactive workshop** this fall:

Navigating Digital Harm: Internet Street Smarts + Cyber Career Readiness October 15, 2025 | Virtual

You'll learn how to:

- Spot and prevent online scams, doxxing, sextortion, and surveillance
- Apply real-time risk assessment skills
- Discover career paths in cybersecurity and trust & safety

No tech background? No problem. You'll leave with tools you can use right away—plus insights to jumpstart a future in this field.

[Register Now](#)

Seats are limited. Let's make the internet safer, together.

[The Public Interest Technology University Network](#)

[View this email in a web browser](#)

PIT UN CYBER COLLECTIVE

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GILEAD SPEAKER SERIES ON HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Repairing What's Broken



*From Toxic E-Waste to
Sustainable Futures*

**PETER C. LITTLE AND
LIZ CHAMBERLAIN**



OCT. 23

11:10 a.m.-Noon

Building 180, Room 101

Peter C. Little is a professor of anthropology at Rhode Island College and author of *Toxic Town: IBM, Pollution, and Industrial Risks* (2014), *Burning Matters: Life, Labor, and E-Waste Pyropolitics in Ghana* (2022), and *Critical Zones of Technopower and Global Political Ecology: Platforms, Pathologies, and Plunder* (2023). Peter is also the President of the Northeastern Anthropological Association (NEAA).

Liz Chamberlain is Director of Sustainability at iFixit (and former professor of rhetoric). She advocates for repair-friendly legislation around the world, testifying in statehouses, coordinating repair advocates, and developing reparability standards. Her writing on e-waste and repair has been featured in the *Wall Street Journal* and *Wired*, and she's spoken about repair on NPR, the BBC, and Vox.

Please join the NRES Department for this special talk followed by a Q&A session!



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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD
& ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES



GILEAD



SUSTAINABILITY SPEAKER SERIES: THE GLOBAL E-WASTE TRADE & RIGHT TO REPAIR

Join us for the second installment of the NRES Department's Sustainability Speaker Series,

organized by Dr. Seeta Sistla and Dr. Christina Kaviani, on Wednesday, October 23rd.

 Featuring:

- **Peter Little (Anthropologist, Rhode Island College) — discussing the global e-waste trade and its impacts in West Africa.**
- **Liz Chamberlain (Sustainability Director, iFixit) — highlighting Right to Repair legislation and iFixit's sustainability efforts.**

This event will explore how technology, sustainability, and social justice intersect — a conversation relevant to all members of the Cal Poly community.

 Date: Wednesday, October 23

 Time: University Hour (11:10 AM – 12:00 PM)

 Location: Building 180, Room 101

OPPORTUNITIES



ANSWER THE CALL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH | 10 AM- 3 PM | CHUMASH AUDITORIUM

Full Schedule:
safer.calpoly.edu/symposium
or scan QR Code



For more information, reach out to Claire Lopez Tassinari,
clope105@calpoly.edu.

DATING VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH

OCTOBER 2025

connect. empower. transform.

SAFER DVAM SYMPOSIUM! TODAY 10-3PM!

 Call for Presenters!

Safer is hosting the Gender- & Power-Based Violence Symposium on October 14, 2025 for Dating Violence Action Month. This year's theme is *Answer the Call: Connect. Empower. Transform.*

Keynote: Author *Myriam Gurba* (*Creep, Mean*).

Apply to present by Sept. 24: [Application Link](#)

Open to students, faculty, staff & community members.

Questions? Email clope105@calpoly.edu.



CAL POLY CONSENT PROJECT

Looking for lesson
facilitators!

volunteer/internship opportunity

Teach elementary
students
boundaries, consent,
& communication!

INFO SESSION:
October 28th 3:10-4 pm
on the Health Center Lawn



If you can't make it or have questions, reach out to elkidd@calpoly.edu

Want to make a difference in local classrooms? The Cal Poly Consent Project, led by Dr. Christina Kaviani, is looking for lesson facilitators to help teach boundaries, consent, and communication to K–12 students across SLO County.

This is a volunteer or internship opportunity for students interested in education, social justice, or community engagement!



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Health Center Lawn



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NEW MUSTANG MAKERSPACE

OPEN TO ALL CAL POLY STUDENTS!



ABOUT US

A completely free space open to all students, regardless of major. No engineering experience necessary. Work on class projects, senior project,s or even personal projects!!

LOCATION

In Bonderson,
Building 197, Room 110



HOURS

Fall Quarter, Weeks 2-7
Mon-Fri: 10-7pm
Sat: 9-6pm



CONTACT INFO

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OUR SERVICES

- 56 easy-to-use 3D printers ●
- Lasers for wood, acrylic, vinyl and more ●
- Embroidery and Sewing Machines ●

Link to
our
website



MUSTANG MAKERSPACE

The Cal Poly Machine Shops (College of Engineering) are excited to welcome students to the Mustang Makerspace, **located in Bonderson (Building 197), next to Mustang '60. This free, all-major space is your go-to hub for digital fabrication, creativity, and hands-on learning.**

Inside you'll find **56 3D printers (Bambu, Prusa, Elegoo, Formlabs, MarkForged), 4 laser cutters, an embroidery machine, an industrial Cricut vinyl cutter, and sewing machines.** Whether you're working on a class assignment, a senior project, or just a personal idea, the Makerspace has the tools to help bring your vision to life. **No prior experience is needed—our shop techs are here to teach you, answer questions, and support your projects.**

 Fall Quarter Hours (Weeks 2–10):

- Monday–Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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3D printers are open to everyone without training, but you'll need a Red Tag Certification for lasers and some other equipment. Learn more and sign up for trainings at machineshops.calpoly.edu.

 **Questions? Email calpolyshoptechs@gmail.com |**  **Aero Hangar: (805) 756-2266 | Mustang '60: (805) 756-5634**

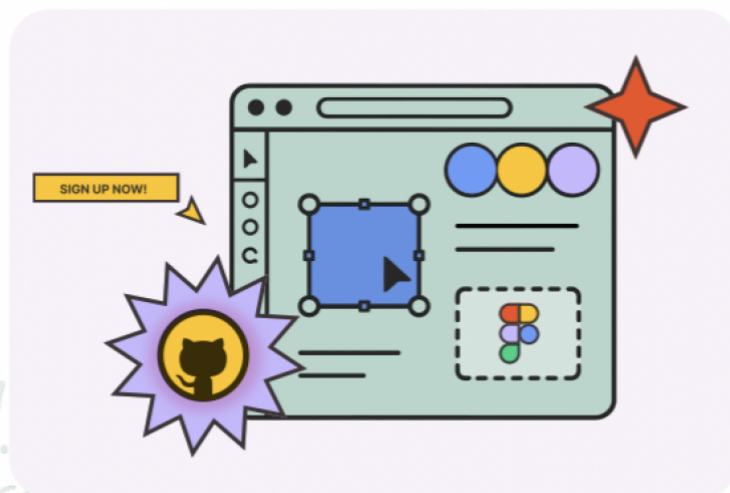
Come explore, create, and make your ideas a reality—see you in the Makerspace!

FALL 2025



Open Workshops at the Digital Scholarship Studio

Intro to the Command Line	Oct 3rd
Map Design and Cartography	Oct 9th
Intro to Git and GitHub	Oct 17th
Intro to Figma	Oct 24th
Effective Data Visualization	Oct 31st
Intro to GitHub Pages	Nov 7th
Intro to StoryMaps and GIS	Nov 14th
Intermediate Figma	Nov 21st



Everyone is welcome!
Details and registration:
guides.lib.calpoly.edu/DPL/workshops





FALL 2025 WORKSHOPS AT THE DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP STUDIO

Looking to boost your digital skills this quarter? The Digital Scholarship Studio is offering free, open workshops on topics like:

- Intro to the Command Line (Oct 3)
- Map Design and Cartography (Oct 9)
- Intro to Git and GitHub (Oct 17)
- Intro to Figma (Oct 24)
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STUDENT SUPPORT

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The College of Liberal Arts partners with College Possible's Catalyze program to connect students with near-peer success coaches. Coaches support academics, study skills, financial literacy, career exploration, wellness, and more.

Learn more by contacting Multicultural Academic Advisor Alejandra Cebrreros at alcebrer@calpoly.edu or check out the attached infographic.



FINANCIAL AID FOR FOOD: GET UP TO \$250 A MONTH FOR GROCERIES

The CalFresh Outreach Team can help connect you with up to \$250 a month to buy groceries at your favorite stores and many farmers' markets! Get money to buy food, eat better, work less and focus more on school. It's easy to set up an appointment with a CalFresh Student Advocate to determine your eligibility, walk you through the application and answer any questions you may have.

Visit calfreshcalpoly.org/ to schedule an appointment today! **Hours are: M-W 10am to 7pm and TH 10:00am to 5pm.**

Although you can [apply online](#) on your own, we encourage you to apply with the help of the CalFresh Outreach Team to help with any questions or concerns.

Follow the CalFresh team on Instagram @calfreshcalpoly



SLO Solutions



SLO SOLUTIONS CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Are your students having a hard time focusing on schoolwork due to roommates or neighbors disagreeing about issues around noise, dishes, or house rules?

Students can find themselves overwhelmed by conflict with landlords, roommates, and neighbors! We can help! SLO Solutions may be able to help students and residents with access to FREE conflict resolution and mediation, funded by a partnership between the City of San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly, Cuesta College, and Creative Mediation. For more information, click [here](#).



Morning, Mustang



MORNING, MUSTANG - NEWS SOURCE FOR CAL POLY STUDENTS

Carly Heztel, a second year journalism student, has published a news source for Cal Poly students that summarizes every day's most important campus, San Luis Obispo and California stories in two-minute emails. Carly is working in cooperation with the nonprofit College Brief to create accessible and relevant news for college students.

Read some of the stories [here](#).



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