

Subject: IS NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/18

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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

WEEKLY NEWS 11/18

NOTE FROM DR. KIRBY

I mentioned a few weeks ago that we are fortunate this year to be hiring a new faculty member to teach courses and be the advisor for our concentration in Ethics, Law & Social Justice. This is an amazing opportunity for us to expand ISLA's areas of expertise. This is also a great opportunity for our students to help us decide which candidate to hire. ISLA students will have the opportunity to interact with each candidate at their public research talks, classroom presentations, and lunches.

The first of these research talks will be taking place this Tuesday:

Dr. Jordan Grasso, "Reimagining a Relational Safety: Lessons Learned from Lesbian Bars and Queer Nightlife," Tuesday, 11/18 at 1:15PM in 52-E47

Please join us for this talk. You can ask questions of the candidate and provide us feedback.

Also, we will be holding our second meeting with first year IS majors this week on Thursday, November 20 from 11:10AM-12PM in Alan A. Erhart Agriculture 010 -0223. This meeting is meant to be check-in to provide you the opportunity to ask us any questions or discuss any issues as you finish your first quarter as an IS major here at Cal Poly.

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 are Tu 1-3PM and Th 1-3PM. You can drop by my 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!

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

WINTER COURSE OFFERINGS

ENROLLMENT FOR ISLA /LAES 411: TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT NOW OPEN!

M/W 2:10-4:00



ISLA/LAES 411: Technology and Community Engagement

Winter Quarter I Monday & Wednesday 2:10–4:00 PM

Explore the intersection of technology and community impact in this hands-on course. You'll examine how digital tools and technology can support social change, collaborate with local organizations, and design projects that address real-world challenges. Engage critically with the ethical, cultural, and social dimensions of technology while building skills to create meaningful community-driven solutions.

STUDENT SUCCESSES



Catch Margot Sinclair Live at SLO Brew!

Join current ISLA student and MAST minor Owen Rice, along with ISLA alum Kyle Mix, as their band Margot Sinclair takes the stage this Thursday at SLO Brew. The show starts at 7 PM—come out, support fellow Mustangs, and enjoy some great live music!

Buy tickets here: <https://www.ticketweb.com/event/the-stews-w-special-guest-slo-brew-rock-tickets/14370533?pl=slobrew2&REFID=clientsitewp>

EVENTS

CAN YOU NARCAN?



Tuesdays at 3:00-5:00pm

Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm



HEALTH CENTER (BLDG. 27)

**Interested in learning more about the life-saving benefits of
Naloxone?**

Training only takes 15 minutes!

Where else can you get Naloxone?

**Naloxone, test strip refills and overdose prevention kits are also available
by appointment.**

**Email wellbeing@calpoly.edu for more information or for group training
inquiries.**

Make an appointment here:



ODPREVENTION@CALPOLY.EDU



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Health Education
CAMPUS HEALTH
& WELLBEING

Cal Poly's Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Prevention team is partnering with ISLA to support student safety and wellness. With fentanyl-related overdoses on the rise nationally and locally, it's more important than ever to know how to recognize an overdose and respond effectively.

Join us for a brief, interactive training covering:

- How to identify an opioid overdose
- How to safely administer Narcan (Naloxone)
- How to access free Narcan + Overdose Prevention Kits

Students can pick up supplies at Building 27 (Health Center) or during weekly distributions: Tuesdays, 3–5 PM and Thursdays, 3:30–5:30 PM on the Health Lawn.

Want us to come to your space for a distribution or presentation? We're happy to schedule a time that works for you!

FACULTY CANDIDATE RESEARCH DEMONSTRATION

Interdisciplinary Studies in the Liberal Arts

Dr. Jordan Grasso

**Candidate for Assistant Professor in
Ethics, Law and Social Justice**

Reimagining a Relational Safety:
Lessons Learned from Lesbian Bars
and Queer Nightlife



Tuesday, 11/18



1:15 PM



Bldg. 52, Rm. E47

 Faculty Research Demonstration: Dr. Jordan Grasso

Reimagining a Relational Safety: Lessons Learned from Lesbian Bars and Queer Nightlife

 Tuesday, November 18 | 1:15 PM | Building 52, Room E47

Join us as Dr. Jordan Grasso, *Candidate for Assistant Professor in Ethics, Law, and Social Justice*, presents their research exploring how queer social spaces reimagine concepts of community and safety. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend!

FACULTY CANDIDATE RESEARCH DEMONSTRATION

Interdisciplinary Studies in the Liberal Arts

Amelia Roskin-Frazee

**Candidate for Assistant Professor in
Ethics, Law and Social Justice**

Therapeutic Retribution: When
Offender Punishment Becomes Victim
Therapy in Progressive Prosecution



Thursday, 12/4



1:15 PM



Bldg. 52, Rm. E47



Faculty Research Demonstration: Amelia Roskin-Frazee

Therapeutic Retribution: When Offender Punishment Becomes Victim Therapy in Progressive Prosecution



Thursday, December 4 | 1:15 PM | Building 52, Room E47

Join us as Amelia Roskin-Frazee, *Candidate for Assistant Professor in Ethics, Law, and Social Justice*, presents their research examining the intersection of punishment, justice, and healing within progressive prosecution frameworks. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend!

FACULTY CANDIDATE RESEARCH DEMONSTRATION

Interdisciplinary Studies in the Liberal Arts

Yao Lin

**Candidate for Assistant Professor in
Ethics, Law and Social Justice**

"Authoritarianism, Resilience,
Solidarity"



Tuesday, 12/2



1:15 PM



Bldg. 52, Rm. E47

Authoritarianism, Resilience, Solidarity

 Tuesday, December 2 | 1:15 PM | Building 52, Room E47

Join us as **Yao Lin**, Candidate for Assistant Professor in Ethics, Law, and Social Justice, presents their research on the dynamics of authoritarianism, collective resilience, and the possibilities of solidarity. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome!

OPPORTUNITIES

**2026 BEACoN UNDERGRADUATE
RESEARCH MENTORING PROGRAM**

STUDENT APPLICATIONS OPEN!

**DUE BY 11:59 PM PT
WED. NOV. 19, 2025**

WHAT IS BEACoN?

Centering underrepresented students, but open to all undergraduates, BEACoN seeks to make research accessible, providing students with funded research opportunities working one-on-one with faculty mentors. In addition to gaining research experience, BEACoN students gain access to various professional development workshops and community events, fostering a sense of belonging.

Students who are matched for this initiative will receive \$2,000 in both Winter/Spring quarters (\$4,000 total) distributed via financial aid.

Scan the QR code below to apply!

Questions? Email beacon@calpoly.edu



tinyurl.com/BEACoNScholar26



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BEACoN Research Scholars

OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Apply to Become a BEACoN Research Scholar!

The BEACoN Research Mentoring Program—run by the Office of University Diversity & Inclusion—is now accepting applications for its next cohort of BEACoN Scholars (due Wednesday, 11/19 at 11:59 PM PT)! Projects span all six colleges and the Kennedy Library, including several led by faculty in our own department.

BEACoN centers underrepresented students but is open to *all* undergraduates interested in gaining meaningful, funded research experience. Scholars receive:

- Mentorship from Cal Poly faculty
- A \$2,000 stipend each quarter (Winter + Spring; \$4,000 total)
- Professional development workshops and community-building events

Students may apply to up to three projects.

Explore all available projects at the BEACoN website and apply at tinyurl.com/BEACoNScholar26. Questions? Email beacon@calpoly.edu.

**The Interdisciplinary Studies in Liberal Arts (ISLA)
department is developing a Health and Society Minor and
we want to hear from YOU!**



 Help Shape the New Health & Society Minor!

The Interdisciplinary Studies in the Liberal Arts Department is developing a new Health and Society minor—and we want your input! 

Share your thoughts by taking this quick survey to help shape what the minor will look like and what courses it could include. Your feedback will play a key role in creating an exciting, student-centered program.

 [Take the Survey Here](https://bit.ly/3LsgbXg)

Questions? Contact mamang@calpoly.edu for more information.

STUDENT RESEARCH POSITION - 360 VIDEO AND VR

Dr. Sandy Shen and Keri Schwab with the **Experience Innovation Lab**, in collaboration with the Center for Expressive Technologies, are seeking **360° VR video filming and editing support** for a project studying attention restoration in natural and VR-nature settings.

We are looking for a **student skilled in creating 360° VR videos** to produce a five-minute immersive video of a natural area on campus. Filming will be done using a **Giroptic 360 Cam**, and the editing can be completed using whichever software the student assistant is most familiar with. If necessary, we can provide a subscription to the preferred editing software for the duration of the project. The position for the student assistant pays \$18 per hour.

Interested students should reach out directly to Drs. Shen and Schwab yeshen@calpoly.edu and keschwab@calpoly.edu

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

Email:
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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.

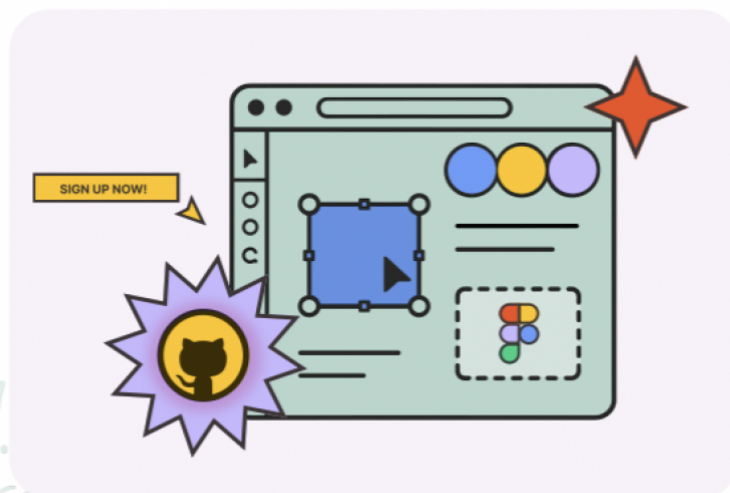
 **Questions? Email calpolyshoptechs@gmail.com |**  **Aero Hangar: (805) 756-2266 | Mustang '60: (805) 756-5634**

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)
- Effective Data Visualization (Oct 31)
- Intro to GitHub Pages (Nov 7)
- Intro to StoryMaps and GIS (Nov 14)
- Intermediate Figma (Nov 21)



Everyone is welcome!



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STUDENT SUPPORT

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College of Liberal Arts

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Aguti168@calpoly.edu
Lrami113@calpoly.edu

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

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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 Cebreros 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](#).



KEEP UP TO DATE WITH CAMPUS NEWS!

Interdisciplinary Studies Students and Staff! Are you eager to be in the know about the latest campus news and updates? Do you want the most up-to-date headlines conveniently sent to your email? Look no further! Subscribe to the Mustang News Roundup today! Our Roundup newsletter brings you the freshest Mustang News and KCPR content, and is delivered straight to your inbox every Monday through Friday of the school year. Don't let this opportunity to stay well-informed pass you by!

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