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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

WEEKLY NEWS 11/5

NOTE FROM DR. KIRBY

Enrollment for the Winter term is upon us. If you have any questions about classes for your IS major then please contact me and we can discuss them. Always remember that we are flexible regarding the classes in your concentration. We want to make sure that you are able to take classes that will help you achieve your goals. So, if you would like to make a substitution in your concentration you should send me an email. Don't worry if the substitution doesn't "match" the theme of the concentration. As long as the course is upper division (300-400 level), you don't have too many courses in the concentration with the same prefix, and the course meshes with your career goals then it will be acceptable.

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.

-David



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!

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

LAUNCH YOUR CAREER CAMPAIGN!

PRESENTED BY THE CAL POLY POLS DEPARTMENT



Jody Skenderian
Executive Director of
Strategic Partnerships
and Initiatives at Loyola
Marymount University



Carol Costello
Former anchor and
correspondent at CNN
and HLN



Tyler Coari
MPP Student



Sophia Perkins
POLS Student

Join us in this conversation where POLS students Sophia Perkins and Tyler Coari interview former CNN anchor Carol Costello and POLS Alumna Jody Skenderian on building fulfilling careers in politics, journalism and communication. All four speakers will discuss their experiences and “lessons learned” about how to turn our passion and interest into successful careers and lifelong-learning journeys.

NOVEMBER 14, 2025
1:00-2:00 PM | FROST-102

Zoom option available; link will be sent directly to attendees.



Presented by the Cal Poly Political Science Department

Join us for an inspiring conversation with former CNN anchor Carol Costello and POLS alumna Jody Skenderian, Executive Director of Strategic Partnerships at Loyola Marymount University. They'll share insights on building fulfilling careers in politics, journalism, and communication—and how to turn your passions into lifelong learning and success.

POLS students Sophia Perkins and Tyler Coari will lead the discussion, exploring the “lessons learned” from their guests’ journeys.



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STARZ®



#TAKE THE LEAD

POST-PRODUCTION FUNDS GRANT

Apply for funds to finish your film!

Post-Production Color
Post-Production Sound
Post-Production Editing
Music Composing
Animation
VFX

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15TH, 2025

APPLY NOW: [CSUEA.SUBMITTABLE.COM](https://csuea.submittable.com)



CSU The California State University

**ENTERTAINMENT
ALLIANCE**



STARZ #TakeTheLead Post-Production Funds Grant

Are you finishing your film and need a little extra support? Apply now for the STARZ Post-Production Funds Grant to bring your project to life!

Funding is available for:



Post-Production Color



Post-Production Sound



Editing



Music Composing



Animation & VFX



Deadline: November 15, 2025



Apply at: csuea.submittable.com

Supported by The California State University Entertainment Alliance (CSUEA) and STARZ #TakeTheLead initiative.

OPPORTUNITIES

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:
calpolyshoptechs@gmail.com



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.

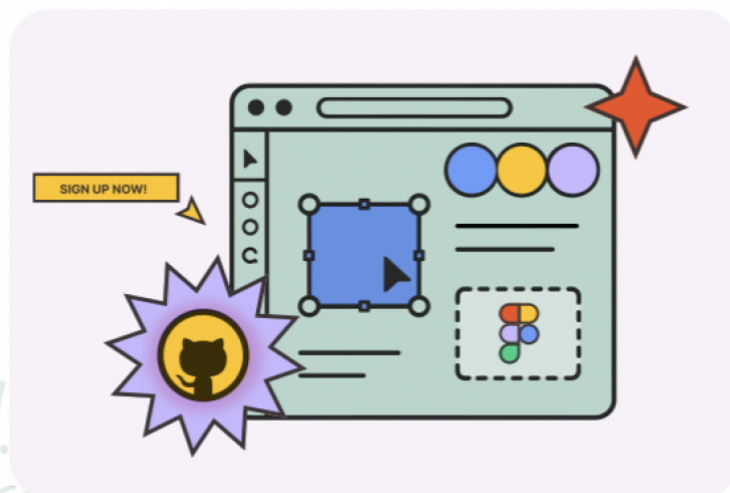
 **Questions? Email calpolyshoptechs@gmail.com |**  **Aero Hangar: (805) 756-2266 | Mustang '60: (805) 756-5634**

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)
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STUDENT SUPPORT

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CAL POLY



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](#).



📢 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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