

Subject: IS NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/3

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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

WEEKLY NEWS 2/3

NOTE FROM DR. RYALLS

After a cold and snowy weekend in Park City, I'm happy to be back in the sunshine of the Central Coast.

Now that we are at the midpoint of the quarter, you are likely thinking about Spring registration. Next quarter, we will be offering three sections of ISLA 320, which is an upper-division C GE option and, of course, can count toward your upper-division electives. Our professors will be offering really cool subtopics in Spring, so I wanted to bring your attention to them.

- Dr. Stina Attebery will be offering "Environment in Popular Culture" MW 2:10-4
- Dr. Denise Isom will be offering "Race in Film: Sinners and Beyond" TR 9:10-11 and 12:10-2

As a reminder, the ISLA Lab (52; E1) is now available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 6PM-9PM for students to use to study. In order to get access to the lab, you will need to email Krysia Hall (KHall39) for the code. Please limit these emails to working hours. Please remember to leave the lab as you found it.

My office hours are Monday 2PM-4PM and Thursday 12PM-2PM. During these times, we can meet in my office (52-D3) or via Zoom. Please be sure to schedule an appointment [here](#). 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.



The graphic features a green background with a white border. In the top left is a stylized white and brown horse logo. To the right of the logo, the text "MUSTANG FILM SOCIETY" is written in large, bold, dark blue capital letters. In the top right corner, there is a yellow and brown gavel icon. Below the main title, there is a blue Instagram icon with the handle "@mustangfilmsociety" next to it. Below that is a white envelope icon with the email address "eryalls@calpoly.edu". To the right, there is a green rounded rectangle containing two yellow stars and the text "CONNECT WITH PEERS INTERESTED IN FILM!" and "BUILD IMPORTANT INDUSTRY SKILLS!".

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 eyalls@calpoly.edu or follow the Instagram @mustangfilmsociety

CAREERS & INTERNSHIPS

Career & Internship Opportunities You Don't Want to Miss!

Winter quarter is packed with exciting opportunities—mark your calendars and take advantage of what's coming up!



Cal State DC Scholars Program

Interested in interning in Washington, D.C.? [Applications](#) are open for the [Cal State DC Scholars Program](#), which allows students to study, intern, and earn academic credit in the nation's capital. The final deadline is February 6, 2026, and [virtual info sessions](#) are still available.



The [Asian Pacific Islander Capitol Association \(APICA\)](#) is offering a 10-week paid summer fellowship in Sacramento for students interested in public policy. Open to college students and recent graduates (21+), the program includes a \$6,720 stipend and hands-on experience in a legislative office. [Applications are due February 6](#).



Hear from alumni working as nonprofit directors, veteran services coordinators, and even California mayors at this virtual panel on Thursday, February 19 at 11:10 a.m. A flyer and Zoom link are coming soon!

If you have questions about any of these opportunities, don't hesitate to reach out—we're here to help!

ENROLLMENT

DATA ARE A FEMINIST ISSUE

“**Considers how inequality permeates all stages of data science.**”

“**A data science that exposes and challenges power and the intersecting oppressions that result.**”

“**Looks at many axes of inequity including race, gender, class, ability status, and more.**”

Come take Data Feminism (STAT 270) with Dr. Theobold on Tuesdays from 12-2



Course Spotlight: Data Are a Feminist Issue (STAT 270)

Data Are a Feminist Issue explores how inequality is embedded in every stage of data science—from data collection to analysis and interpretation. Using an intersectional framework, the course examines how power, race, gender, class, ability status, and other forms of inequity shape data and its real-world impacts. Interested in using data to challenge systems of oppression rather than reinforce them? Enroll in Data Feminism (STAT 270) with Dr. Theopold, meeting Tuesdays from 12–2.



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SCM 302: learn by doing lab

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Teach, Explore, and Inspire in the Learn by Doing Lab

Looking for a meaningful, hands-on experience that blends science, teaching, and community impact? Join Cal Poly CESAME's Learn by Doing Lab through SCM 302! This interactive outreach program gives Cal Poly students the chance to lead inquiry-based STEM activities for visiting 5th–8th grade classes. You'll guide real experiments, spark curiosity, and help bring science to life—all while building confidence in communication, teamwork, and instructional design. Open to all majors and offered Winter and Spring quarters, SCM 302 counts toward early field experience hours and provides valuable, real-world teaching practice.

Enroll in SCM 302: Learn by Doing Lab during registration. For questions, contact Dr. Seth Bush at sbush@calpoly.edu.

EVENTS

SENIOR PROJECT INFO SESSION

We will once again be hosting the ISLA Senior Project Information Session this quarter. This is open to any ISLA majors, but particularly useful for those of you who will be completing your Senior Project in Spring or Fall. All of the ISLA Senior Project advisors will be there to offer tips and advice. The meeting is Thursday, February 19 at 11:10AM. Here is the Zoom link: [ISLA Senior Project Meeting Zoom](#)



LIBERAL ARTS AND
ENGINEERING
STUDIES & THEATRE
PRESENT:



ANDY CROCKER

IMMERSIVE
EXPERIENCE DESIGNER
& DIRECTOR

who has worked for clients like
Disney Imagineering and Knott's
Berry Farm live entertainment.

Join us for an in-person
workshop and Q&A in the
Expressive Technologies Studio
(Frost 181-104).

FEBRUARY 9, 2026

10:10AM-12PM

Immersive Narrative
Design Workshop

Frost 181-104

1:30-3:30PM

Open Studio
and Q&A

Frost 181-104

✨ Step Inside the Story: Immersive Design with Andy Crocker 🎭

Join LAES & Theatre for a special immersive design event with Andy Crocker, an immersive experience designer and director whose work spans Disney Imagineering and Knott's Berry Farm live entertainment. On February 9, Crocker will lead an Immersive Narrative Design Workshop followed by an Open Studio and Q&A, offering students a behind-the-scenes look at how storytelling, technology, and space come together to create meaningful experiences.

- 📍 Expressive Technologies Studio (Frost 181-104)
- ⌚ 10:10 AM–12 PM: Workshop
- ⌚ 1:30–3:30 PM: Open Studio & Q&A

SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL SERIES

SLEEP DEALER



Screening and Discussion

**February 26
Palm Theater
4:10 PM**

**Speaker: Dr.
Stina Attebery**



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FREE ADMISSION



Join us for a screening and discussion of *Sleep Dealer* on February 26 at 4:10 PM in the Palm Theater, featuring guest speaker Dr. Stina Attebery. *Sleep Dealer* is a thought-provoking sci-fi film exploring labor, borders, and technology in a globalized world.

Free admission and open to all students—don't miss this chance to engage with film, ethics, and social justice. 

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



Opioid Overdose Prevention & Free Narcan Kits

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!

OPPORTUNITIES

Are you a parent in San Luis Obispo County with young children?

Let me hear your thoughts about **healthcare access** in SLO County in this survey!



It takes only **10-15 minutes** of your time.

Scan this QR code to take you to the survey.

For more information, please
contact Sophia Santo Tomas at
ssantoto@calpoly.edu

Help Shape Research on Early Childhood Healthcare in SLO County

A graduate student in Cal Poly's Master of Public Policy Program, is conducting their thesis research on the healthcare system in San Luis Obispo County, with a focus on parents and caregivers of children aged 2 and under. They are currently seeking survey participants to better understand access, experiences, and challenges within the local healthcare system.

Faculty and community members are invited to support this research by sharing [this survey](#) with eligible parents.

Thank you for helping advance research that supports families and young children in our community.

NEW MUSTANG MAKERSPACE

OPEN TO ALL CAL POLY STUDENTS!



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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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.**

 **Winter Quarter Hours (Weeks 2–10):**

- Monday–Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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!



Winter 2026 Open Workshops at the Digital Scholarship Studio

Jan 9 **Intro to Git and Github**

Jan 15 **Intro to Figma**

Jan 16 **Intro to R and RStudio**

Jan 22 **Contours for Architecture**

Jan 30 **Intro to StoryMaps and GIS**

Feb 6 **Map Design and Cartography**

Feb 13 **Poster Layouts with InDesign**

Feb 20 **Intro to Adobe Illustrator**

Feb 27 **Intermediate Figma**

March 6 **Research Synthesis**



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

Open Workshops at the Kennedy Library Digital Scholarship Studio

The Kennedy Library Digital Scholarship Studio holds weekly open workshops to introduce basic computing, design, mapping, and visualization topics. These workshops do not require any prior experience, and we welcome beginners and experts from all disciplines.

Additionally, the Digital Scholarship Studio offers consultation support for students, staff, and faculty working on projects and research involving data, design, GIS, and data visualization. Appointment times can be found [here](#). Meetings take place in-person at the Digital Scholarship Studio on Level 1 of Kennedy Library, or on Zoom.

STUDENT SUPPORT



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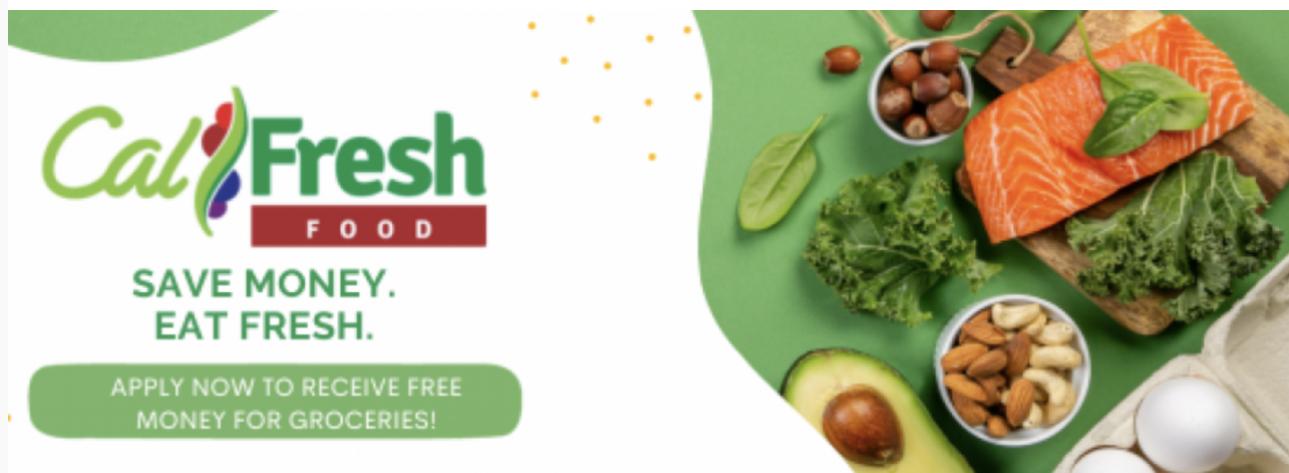
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Learn more by contacting Multicultural Academic Advisor Alejandra Cebreros at alcebrer@calpoly.edu or check out the attached infographic.



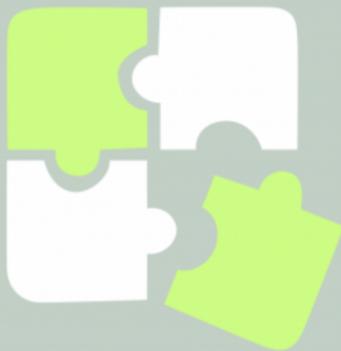
⚠ FINANCIAL AID FOR FOOD: GET UP TO \$250 A MONTH FOR GROCERIES

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



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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](#).



MUSTANG NEWS

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