

Subject: IS NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/10

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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

WEEKLY NEWS 3/10

NOTE FROM DR. RYALLS

These last few weeks have been quite busy for all of us! Between registration, the last week of classes, and finals week nearly upon us, I encourage all of you to try to find some time to breathe.

As a reminder, the ISLA Lab (52; E1) is 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.

If there's anything I can do to make your lives just a bit easier, don't hesitate to reach out. I'm leaving tomorrow morning for Dublin, so I won't have any more meetings this week, but I will be checking email frequently. During Final Exam Week, my student hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday 11AM-2PM. Click [here](#) to schedule an appointment.

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:**

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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.



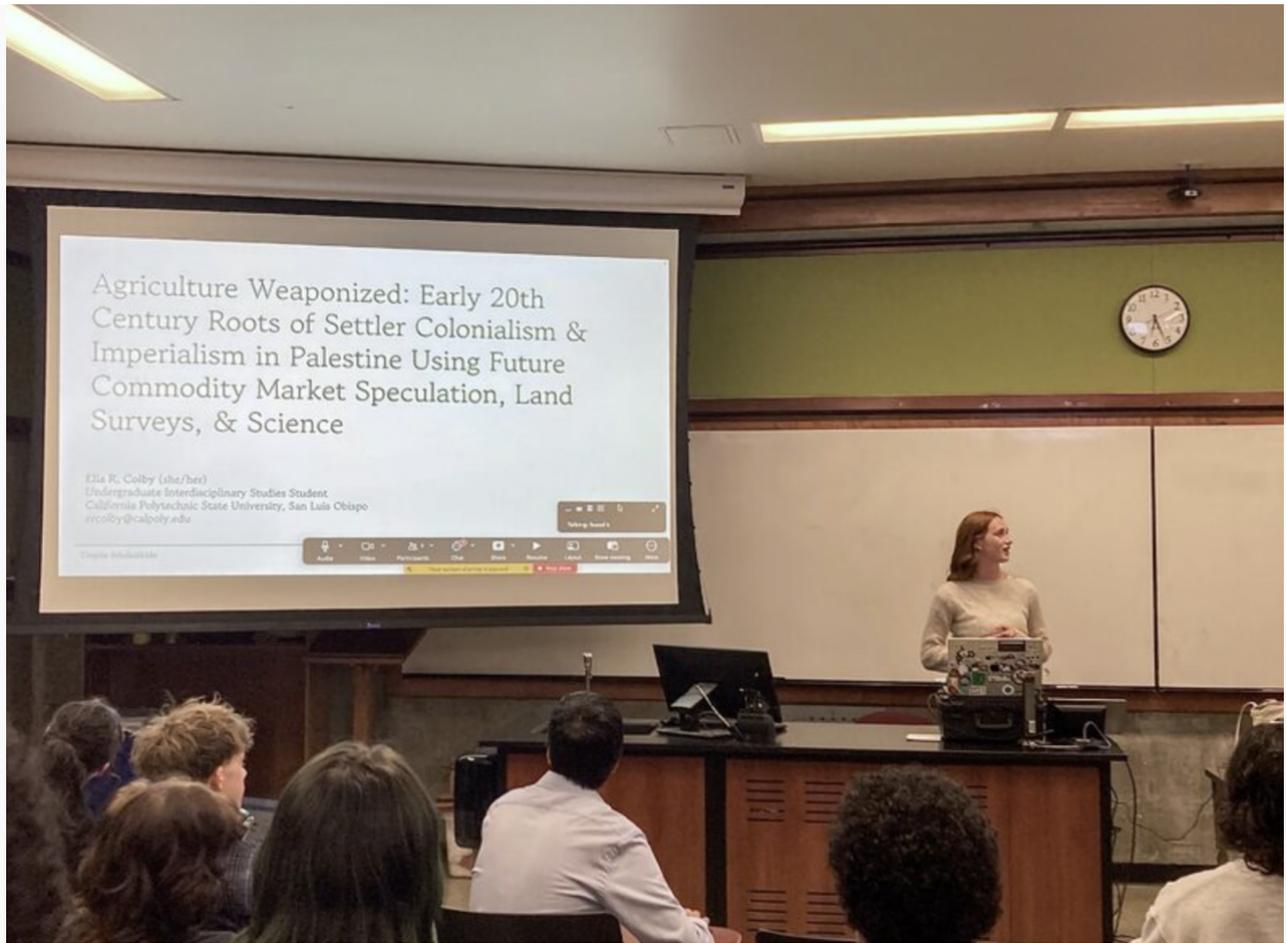
The graphic features a green background with a white border. On the left is a cartoon illustration of a brown and white mustang horse. To its right, the text "MUSTANG FILM SOCIETY" is written in large, bold, dark blue letters. Further right is a yellow and black film clapperboard. Below the horse is the Instagram logo, followed by the text "Instagram @mustangfilmsociety". Below that is an email icon followed by "For more info contact eryalls@calpoly.edu". On the right side, there is a 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 eryalls@calpoly.edu or follow the Instagram @mustangfilmsociety

CAREERS & INTERNSHIPS



Student Spotlight: Ella R. Colby

Ella R. Colby presented her research, titled 'Agriculture Weaponized: Early 20th Century Roots of Settler Colonialism & Imperialism in Palestine Using Future Commodity Market Speculation, Land Surveys, & Science' for a panel entitled, 'Despite Scholasticide: Cal Poly Research Projects for Palestinian Liberation.' Ella is a fourth year ISLA major with a concentration in Ethics, Law, and Social Justice.

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ACE INTERNSHIP SUCCESS ENHANCEMENT



In the College of Liberal Arts? The ACE programs hopes to support low-income & first-generation students by enhancing internship opportunities. You can earn up to \$2500!

Requirements

- ✓ Maintain a qualifying Spring 2026 internship as defined by Cal Poly
- ✓ Ability to attend cohort-based reflections and meet-ups
- ✓ Completion of ACE Internship ePortfolio

Earn up to \$2500 today!



ACE is open and available to all who are interested to apply and/or participate, regardless of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin.



For this Spring only, ACE is offering a \$1500 supplement to the ACE \$100 base stipend to low income and/or first generation college students who have an internship lined up for spring quarter. For more information or to apply, visit the [ACE website](#).

ENROLLMENT

ES 470: LOS ANGELES: RACE, CULTURE, AND URBANIZATION



DIVISION OF THE BARRIOS & CHAVEZ RAVINE

THIS COURSE INTRODUCES STUDENTS TO THE PHILOSOPHICAL AND HISTORICAL STUDY OF URBANIZATION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. BY LOOKING AT THE WORK OF SUCH VARIED FIGURES AS CHESTER HIMES, RAUL VILLA, AND HENRI LEFEBVRE WE WILL TAKE AN APPROACH THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE CONCEPTUAL RICHNESS OF URBAN EVERYDAY LIFE.

INSTRUCTOR:
DR. GABRIEL SOLDATENKO,
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MEETING TIME:
SPRING 2026
MW 10:10 AM - 12 PM,
38-114

ES 470: Los Angeles: Race, Culture, and Urbanization (Spring 2026)

Looking for an upper-division elective? Join ES 470: Los Angeles: Race, Culture, and

Urbanization, taught by Dr. Gabriel Soldatenko in the Ethnic Studies Department. This course explores the history of Los Angeles—from its origins as a pueblo to its rise as a global metropolis—examining the social, political, and cultural forces that have shaped the city’s urban landscape and the communities who call it home.

Engaging with thinkers such as Chester Himes, Raul Villa, and Henri Lefebvre, students will explore race, space, and everyday life in Southern California through a philosophical and historical lens.

- 📍 Spring 2026
- 📅 MW 10:10 AM – 12:00 PM
- 📍 Building 38-114

This course is ideal for ES majors and minors in need of an upper-division related elective. Reach out to Dr. Gabriel Soldatenko (gsoldate@calpoly.edu) for more information.

DATA ARE A FEMINIST ISSUE

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

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

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

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.**



SCM 302: learn by doing lab

**EARN COURSE CREDIT AND GET
REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH KIDS!**



LEARN MORE AT [CESAME.CALPOLY.EDU](https://cesame.calpoly.edu)



 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



MARCH 14 | 7:00PM | THE PALM THEATRE

WHAT MOVES US: PINA BAUSCH AND EMBODIED COGNITION

FILM AND CONVERSATION WITH DR. KELLY
BENNION & DANCER KATIE NEVILLE



 Move, Think, and Experience *Pina* on the Big Screen

Step into the breathtaking world of dance and discovery at **What Moves Us: Pina Bausch and**

Embodied Cognition on March 14 at 7:00 PM at the Palm Theatre. This special evening begins with a screening of *Pina*, the visually stunning film honoring the revolutionary choreographer Pina Bausch. After the film, stay for a dynamic conversation with **Dr. Kelly Bennion** and dancer **Katie Neville** as they explore *embodied cognition*—how movement and the body shape the way we think, feel, and understand the world.

Whether you're passionate about film, psychology, dance, or creative expression, this event offers a unique chance to experience how art and science move us—literally and intellectually.

Join us at the Palm Theatre on March 14 and discover what movement can teach us.

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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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

Survey Support

As part of an Intro to Entrepreneurship course project, a Cal Poly student team is conducting research to validate a potential student-focused product idea. They've created two brief surveys—each only a few minutes long—to better understand student needs and experiences. Your responses will provide valuable insights that support their class project.

[Survey 1](#)

[Survey 2](#)

Participation is voluntary, and all input is greatly appreciated!

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!



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!!

OUR SERVICES

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

LOCATION

In Bonderson,
Building 197, Room 110



HOURS

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



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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.**

 **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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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.



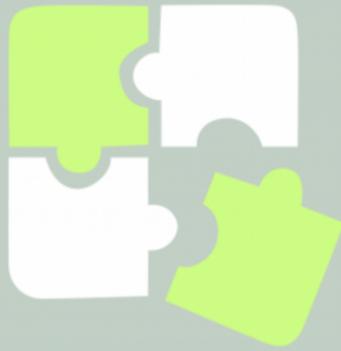
FINANCIAL AID FOR FOOD: GET UP TO \$250 A MONTH FOR GROCERIES

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](#).



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