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# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

## WEEKLY NEWS 4/14

### NOTE FROM DR. RYALLS

Hello! My office hours this quarter will be Monday 2PM-4PM, Wednesday 11AM-1PM, and Thursday 10AM-12PM. During these times, we can meet in my office (52-D3) or via Zoom. Please be sure to schedule an appointment: <https://calendly.com/eryalls/dr-ryalls-s-office-hours>. 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.

We are very much looking forward to celebrating our graduates this year. Prior to the CLA commencement ceremony on Sunday, June 14th at 4:30PM, the department will host a mini-graduation from 1:30-3. If are graduating and you plan to attend, please let us know:

<https://forms.gle/1WnbVa8vBsUS9pi26>

And, speaking of graduation, we have green and white graduation cords for all ISLA graduates. Spring graduates can pick one up from the ISLA Office (Building 52, Office D) on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday between 9 and 4. We'll also bring some to the pre-Commencement ceremony.

On the other end of the spectrum, this past week was New Student Open House. Our new ISLA major and their parents were super impressed with Akshara, our student assistant. Thanks for all your help, Akshara! And, another major, Owen Rice, was invited to share his senior project (which began in Dr. Mang's ISLA 355 course) at the CLA Learn By Doing Showcase. Congrats, Owen!



## MEET KEELY AND AKSHARA - YOUR ISLA STUDENT ASSISTANTS!

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

Hello! I'm Akshara, a second year ISLA major with a concentration in Ethics, Law and Social Justice!

We create these newsletters, run our ISLA social media, and support events throughout the quarter. We are 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.

### Our contact information:

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Akshara: [amadabus@calpoly.edu](mailto:amadabus@calpoly.edu)

We'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](#)

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.

A green banner for the Mustang Film Society. On the left is a cartoon illustration of a brown and white mustang horse. To its right, the words "MUSTANG" and "FILM SOCIETY" are written in large, bold, dark blue capital letters. Further right is a yellow and black microphone. Below the horse is the Instagram logo, followed by the text "Instagram @mustangfilmsociety". Below that is an envelope icon, followed by "For more info contact eryalls@calpoly.edu". On the right side of the banner, 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**

Instagram  
[@mustangfilmsociety](#)

For more info contact  
[eryalls@calpoly.edu](mailto:eryalls@calpoly.edu)

★ CONNECT WITH PEERS  
INTERESTED IN FILM!

★ 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](mailto:eryalls@calpoly.edu) or follow the Instagram [@mustangfilmsociety](#)

## CAREERS & INTERNSHIPS

# Internships + Careers

# Student PIRGs



Work on campaigns to protect wildlife,  
address environmental pollution,  
register voters, and more.

[tinyurl.com/StudentPIRGs26](https://tinyurl.com/StudentPIRGs26)



**APPLY: Work on environmental + public health campaigns**

Are you Looking to make an impact and learn skills in advocacy and organizing? The [Student PIRGs](#) are looking for passionate students to work on campaigns to protect the environment, address basic needs, and more.

- If you're graduating, they're hiring for Full time Organizing Positions to make a difference on important problems facing our communities.
- If not, get involved now to take on leadership on a campaign to protect the ocean.

[Fill out an interest form here to learn more!](#)

## SEMESTER CONVERSION



## A note about Cal Poly's Move to Semesters

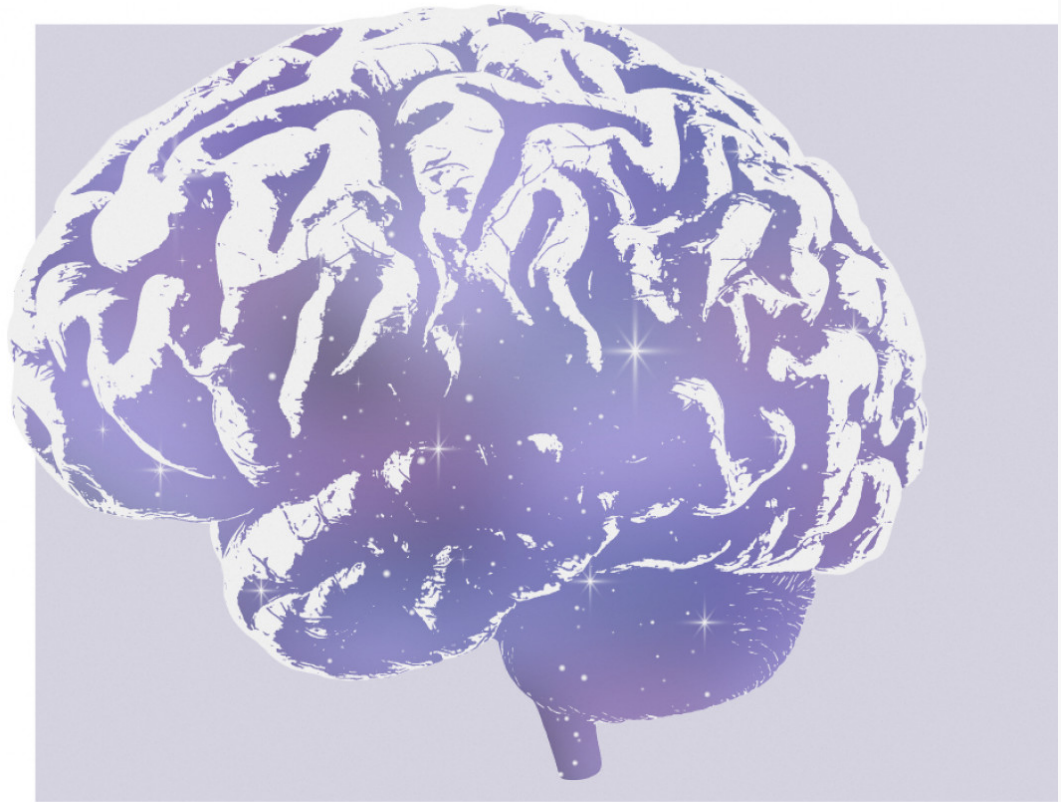
Cal Poly will transition from the quarter system to a **semester calendar beginning Fall 2026**. This change will affect several things, including the length of terms, how courses are scheduled, and how students plan their academic year. Instead of three 10-week quarters, the academic year will include **two 15-week semesters (Fall and Spring)**. All students will be taking **semester-based courses starting Fall 2026**, and most students will take about **15 units per semester**.

Because this transition will affect course planning and degree progress, it's a good idea to stay informed and start thinking ahead about your schedule. The **CLA Advising Center** has resources to

help you understand what the move to semesters means for you, including course equivalencies and planning tools. Visit the **CLA Advising semester conversion website** (See QR code) for updates and guidance, and follow **@CLAadvisingcenter on Instagram** for tips, reminders, and helpful information as Cal Poly prepares for the move to semesters.

## EVENTS

# INHERITANCE



## **INHERITANCE** *PAINTING* *MEMORY*

**4/7 – 4/16**  
Dexter Building, Room 166



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Center for Expressive Technologies  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

# INHERITANCE

An interdisciplinary collaboration between Art and Design and Sociology, exploring memory, supported by the Center for Expressive Technologies.

**Opening Reception**  
**April 7th, 5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**4/7 – 4/16**

**Dexter Building, Room 166**

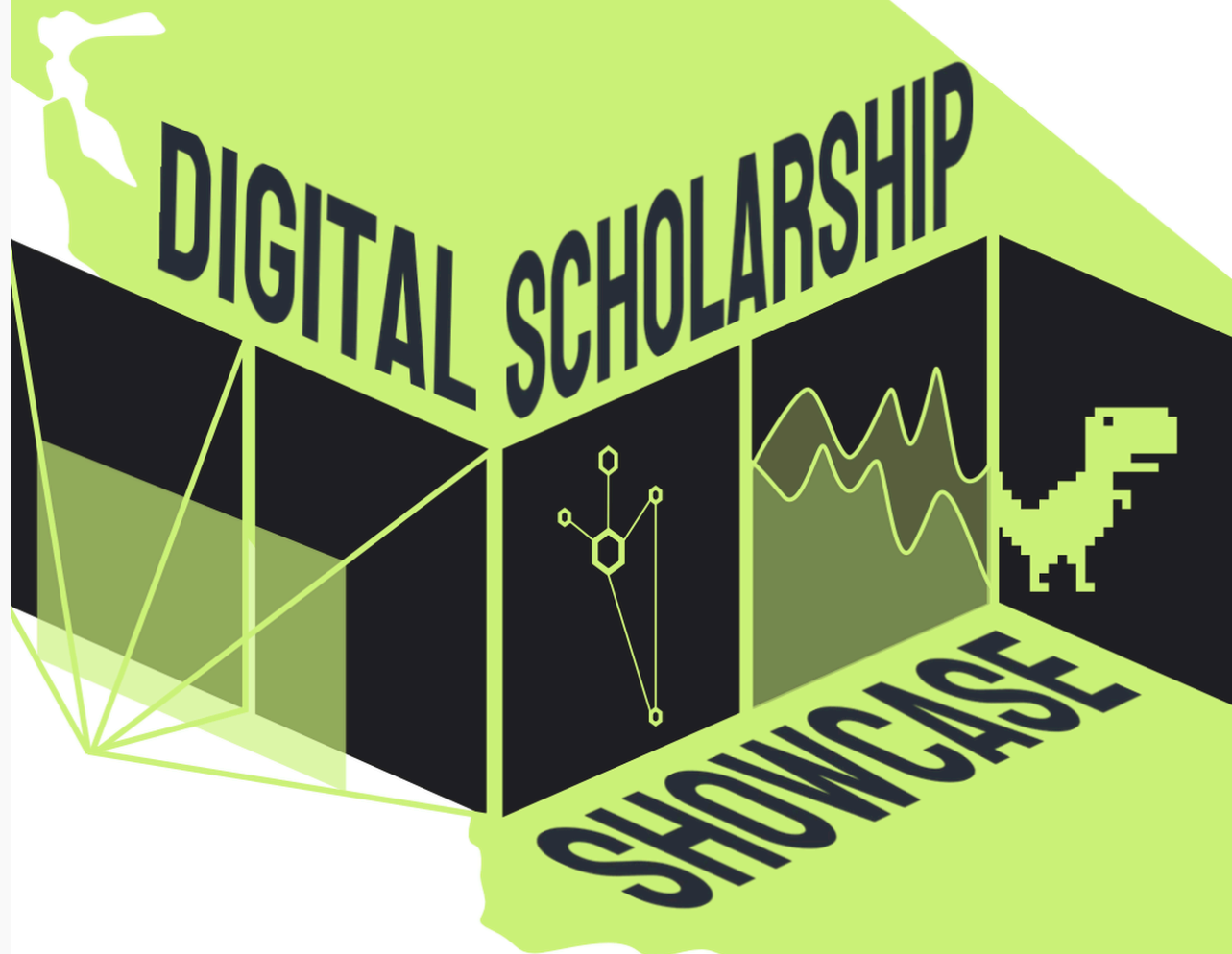
## **Inheritance: Painting Memory**

Explore the intersection of art, design, and sociology at *Inheritance: Painting Memory*, an interdisciplinary exhibition supported by the Cal Poly Center for Expressive Technologies. This

thought-provoking showcase examines how memory is created, preserved, and reimagined through creative practice.

Join us for the opening reception on April 7th from 5:30–7:30 PM in Dexter Building, Room 166. The exhibition will be on view from April 7–16. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience innovative work that bridges disciplines and sparks conversation.

Kennedy Library  
Digital Scholarship Studio



METHODS • TOOLS • PEDAGOGY

Project Gallery • Presentations • Networking

Register:



11am-12pm  
Thursday, April 9th, 2026  
Kennedy Library 35-103

Digital Scholarship Showcase

Please join the Kennedy Library Digital Scholarship Studio/Digital Projects Lab for our inaugural Digital Scholarship Project Showcase on **Thursday, April 9th, 2026, at 11am-12pm** (UU hour). We hope that this will be the start of a yearly tradition of showcasing the creativity and collaboration happening across campus. Our goal is to provide a space where faculty, staff, and students from all disciplines who are interested in digital scholarship can connect through the library and get inspired. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*Safer Presents:*  
**SEXUAL ASSAULT ACTION MONTH**

**The Power of Stories:**  
*Multigenerational Storytelling for Healing*

**Tuesday, April 14th**

**6:30 - 8:00pm**

Hear from 5 multigenerational speakers as they share their experience as a survivor and/or their work supporting survivors. Cookies and lemonade served!

**The Forum**

**Content Warning:**

Speakers will be sharing real life experiences with topics related to Gender and Power Based Violence

**SAFER, STRONGER.**  
**MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER**

Learn more about Safer's Sexual Assault Action Month events:



@calpolyhealthandwellbeing



Make an appointment with a confidential professional advocate:



*The Power of Stories: Multigenerational Storytelling for Healing*

Join Cal Poly Safer Campus Health & Wellbeing for a powerful evening of storytelling during Sexual Assault Action Month. *The Power of Stories: Multigenerational Storytelling for Healing* brings together five speakers to share personal experiences and perspectives on supporting survivors, highlighting the strength of community and the impact of lived stories.

The event will take place on Tuesday, April 14th from 6:30–8:00 PM at The Forum. Cookies and lemonade will be provided. Please note that speakers will discuss real-life experiences related to gender- and power-based violence.

Come listen, learn, and stand in solidarity as we move forward—safer and stronger—together.

# 2026 CHELSEA REDEKER MILBOURNE MEMORIAL



Chelsea Milbourne



Sophie Wang

## ZINES AS CRITICAL RESEARCH- MAKING

SCIENCE, ART, AND TRANSLATING RESEARCH  
INTO POLITICAL EDUCATION

**TUESDAY APRIL 14  
3:10 - 5:00 PM**

**HYBRID EVENT**

**IN-PERSON LOCATION: ATL  
MASKS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED**

**FOR ZOOM LINK REGISTER AT  
[BIT.LY/2026CMMEMORIAL](https://bit.ly/2026CMMEMORIAL)**

The Chelsea Redeker Milbourne Symposium honors former Cal Poly faculty member Chelsea Milbourne. Chelsea was a valued teacher, scholar, and member of the department of English and the Science, Technology, and Society (STS) Executive Committee. This symposium aims to preserve her legacy by featuring scholarly talks in the areas of technical communication, STS, and public science.

# SYMPOSIUM

## 2026 Chelsea Redeker Milbourne Memorial

Please join the Chelsea Redeker Milbourne Symposium as they honor former Cal Poly faculty member Chelsea Milbourne. Chelsea was a valued member of the Science, Technology, and Society Executive Committee. This symposium features scholarly talks such as "Zines as Critical Research-Making" and "Science, Art, and Translating Research into Political Education" to preserve her legacy at Cal Poly and honor her admirable contribution to student's education. This memorial is a hybrid event, and we welcome you to join us **Thursday, April 14 from 3:10-5:00 PM** in the **Advanced Technology Labs** (masks highly encouraged), or register for the zoom link [HERE](#).

# ASK ME ANYTHING W/ SOPHIE WANG

## On Art as Political and a Profession



*Researcher, educator, artist, and co-founder of Free Radicals, an activist collective at the intersection of science and social justice.*

**Tues. April 14**  
**11 am - 12:30 pm**  
**Multicultural Center**

\*FOOD PROVIDED

JAYME YEN



Graphic designer and co-organizer of the Seattle Art Book Fair

LINH DAO



Assistant Professor of Graphic Design



**CAL POLY**  
Culture & Institutional  
Excellence



\*Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander

Join the Cal Poly Culture and Institutional Excellence Office at the "Ask Me Anything W/ Sophie Wang" Event. Sophie Wang is the co-founder of Free Radicals, an activist collective at the intersection of science and social justice. She is a researcher, educator, and artist. Joining her is

Jayne Yen, a graphic designer and co-organizer of the Seattle Art Book Fair, and Linh Dao, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design. This panel discussion is highly recommended for anyone interested in pursuing Arts as a profession, and is open to everyone to explore Art as a Political and as a Profession. This event will be hosted in the **Multicultural Center** in the University Union, on **Tuesday, April 14 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM**. Papa's Thai food catering will be provided. We hope to see you there!

short films by cal poly students

# SHORT CUTS

Monday.  
April 27  
@ 7pm

Post Card  
fremont theater

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## Lights, camera, Cal Poly! 🎬

Don't miss **Cal Poly Short Cuts**, a dynamic showcase of six original short films written, directed, and produced by students in ISLA 341 in collaboration with ART 483. These creative projects will premiere on **Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m.** at the Fremont Theater as part of the SLO International Film Festival. This is a unique opportunity to support student filmmakers and experience powerful storytelling on the big screen.

Tickets are just **\$5 for students**, so grab your friends and be part of an unforgettable night of film.

🎫 Get your tickets here: <https://slofilmfest2026.eventive.org/schedule/cal-poly-short-cuts-69bb731aaf14c474487626df>

🌐 Learn more and explore behind-the-scenes content:  
<https://sloshortcuts26.wixsite.com/shortcuts2026>

CAL POLY SURFRIDER

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH • 7-10PM



CAL POLY PLANT CONSERVATORY

\$7 AT THE DOOR  
ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO THE YTT NORTHERN  
CHUMASH TRIBE & TO UN MAR DE COLORES

Join Cal Poly Surfrider at the "Make Waves" Film Festival on **Friday, April 17, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM** at the **Plant Conservatory**. This event will be showcasing student films and will also host student vendors! All proceeds will be donated to the YTT Northern Chumash Tribe and to Un Mar De

# SUPPORT THE TORTOISES!

ZEAC CLUB PRESENTS

# TRIVIA



# Night



# + SILENT AUCTION

TUESDAY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> 6:30-8PM

@ CHUMASH AUDITORIUM

PROCEEDS GO TO THE CP TORTOISE COLONY



QUIZ . GAMES . FUN

PRIZES: TOUR OF TORTOISE UNIT,  
TORTOISE MERCHANDISE, AND  
ITEMS FROM SLO COMMUNITY



\$10/seat \$60/table advance sale ticket price  
and food included!



Join the Zoo and Exotic Animals Career Club at the Trivia Night and Silent Auction to support the Cal Poly Tortoise Colony! All proceeds from this event will go towards the planning and building of a living environment more suitable for the tortoises! This event will take place **Tuesday, April 14th, from 6:30-8pm at the Chumash Auditorium**. Prizes include a tour of the tortoises unit, tortoise merchandise, and items from the slo community.

Tickets prices include \$10/ seat and \$60/ table for advance ticket sale. Buy them [HERE!](#)

# 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](mailto:wellbeing@calpoly.edu) for more information or for group training  
inquiries.**

**Make an appointment here:**



 [ODPREVENTION@CALPOLY.EDU](mailto: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

# 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



### CONTACT INFO

Email:  
calpolysuptechs@gmail.com



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.**

 **Spring 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](https://machineshops.calpoly.edu).

 **Questions? Email [calpolyshoptechs@gmail.com](mailto: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!**



## **Spring 2026 Workshops at the Digital Scholarship Studio**

**Apr 10 Intro to Git and Github**

**Apr 17 Data Discovery for Your GIS Project**

**Apr 23 Research Poster Design with Figma**

**Apr 30 Intro to Field Maps and GPS**

**May 7 Map Design and Cartography**

**May 15 Intro to Adobe Illustrator**

**May 21 Intro to Adobe Photoshop**

**May 28 Business Cards with Adobe InDesign**



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

# CONTACT INFO

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College of Liberal Arts

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[@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](mailto: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/](http://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!

Subscribe here: <https://mustangnews.net/the-roundup/>

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