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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

WEEKLY NEWS 8/31

NOTE FROM DR. KIRBY

hope everybody enjoyed their first week of classes. I certainly did. What you have hopefully picked up about your ISLA professors is that we love teaching. Being able to work with students in the classroom (and out) brings us a lot of satisfaction. That is why I am looking forward to the rest of the semester.

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 will be Tu 1-3PM and Wed 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.



MEET AKSHARA - YOUR ISLA STUDENT ASSISTANT!

Hello! I'm Akshara, a third 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:

Akshara: 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.



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

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Two students from the Mustang Film Society, Riley Petrocco and Reagan Bones, traveled to Noci, Italy with me and Teresiana Matarrese (World Languages), to screen their short film, You Jump, I Jump, at the Noci Film Festival. The film was produced by the Mustang Film Society and written and directed by Riley and

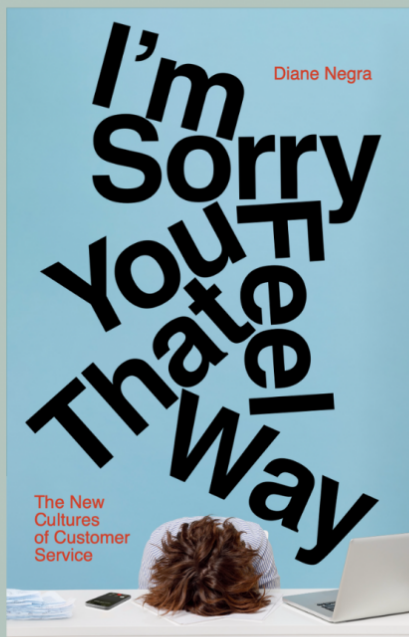
Reagan. This was also part of the CET Grant awarded to me and Teresiana called Cal Poly & Italy, A Cinematic and Cultural Exchange. The next part of the grant will involve bringing Italian filmmakers to the Cal Poly campus.



EVENTS

CAL POLY ISLA AND COMS PRESENT

I'M SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY: THE NEW CULTURES OF CUSTOMER SERVICE



**Dr. Diane
Negra**

Speaker from the
University College Dublin

📅 September 23, 2026

🕒 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

📍 Advanced Technology Laboratories



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ISLA AND COMS DEPARTMENT SPEAKER!

The ISLA and COMS welcome, Dr. Diane Negra from University College Dublin on Wednesday **September 23 at 4:00 PM**. She will discuss her book, "I'm Sorry You Feel That Way," and share about the new cultures of customer service. Please join us at the Advanced Technology Laboratories, next to Kennedy Library. We hope to see you there!

NEW FILM SERIES AT THE PALM THEATER

A new film series is being screened at the Palm Theater. Watch classic Disney films on the big screen, and learn a bit about how Disney turns those cinematic stories into the real-life park magic at the happiest place on earth, Disneyland. Dr. Troy Hiduke Campbell, the curator, is a former Disney Imagineer, Netflix researcher, consumer psychologist, and experience designer who works at the intersections of storytelling, human behavior, and immersion. The first screening of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs is on September 21. Click this [link](#) to learn more.

CAN YOU NARCAN?



Tuesdays at 3:00-5:00pm

Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm

 **HEALTH CENTER (BLOG. 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](mailto: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

TEACH FOR AMERICAN CORPS

This Monday, August 3, applications open for the Teach For America Corps—a paid, full-time leadership opportunity for graduating seniors from all majors.

The program places recent graduates in public school classrooms for a two-year teaching commitment where they gain hands-on experience leading teams, solving problems, communicating across differences, and managing complex challenges from day one.

Students receive:

- A full salary and benefits
- Training and certification support
- Coaching and mentorship
- Relocation and financial assistance options
- Access to a nationwide alumni network across industries

No education degree or prior teaching experience is required.

Many alumni go on to careers in education, healthcare, law, policy, technology, business, and nonprofit leadership—often citing the corps experience as foundational to their growth and career direction.

If you know students who are collaborative, adaptable, and motivated to make an impact while building leadership experience, we'd appreciate you sharing the message below with them:

A Paid Leadership Opportunity for Graduating Seniors

Teach For America is hiring graduating seniors from all majors for a full-time, salaried, two-year teaching and leadership opportunity. Corps members receive training, coaching, certification support, and real-world leadership experience while working with students and schools.

No teaching experience required.

Applications open Monday, August 3. Learn more at teachforamerica.org/corps.

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: Monday - Thursday 9am-7pm, Friday 9am-5pm.** Additionally, Weekly Drop-in Hours, Located in the lower level of Building 27 (Health Center) will take place **Monday/Wednesday/Friday 12:00-2:00 PM, and Tuesday/Thursday 9:00-11:00 AM.**

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](#).



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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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