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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

WEEKLY NEWS 9/24

NOTE FROM DR. KIRBY

Welcome back to Cal Poly for a new academic year! Although for some of you this is your first year at Cal Poly. In that case, extra special welcome to Cal Poly and the ISLA community! This quarter promises to be an interesting one as there are plenty of opportunities arising that will be of interest to IS majors. The weekly ISLA newsletter will keep you up to date on information that is important for our majors. For those recently enrolled into the IS major or are on an ICMA, the newsletter is a place to share news and to let ISLA students know about internal/external events, research opportunities, and career services' programs relevant to them. 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. Please let me know if there is anything I could help you with during the quarter.

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.

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.

EVENTS



VISITING ARTIST TALK WITH GIBSON + RECODER

Friday, September 26 at 1:00 PM

Baker Science Bldg. 1800107

Art & Design Department in collaboration with the ISLA Department and The Center for Expressive Technologies will present a guest lecture by New York media artists Gibson + Recoder. The lecture offers a panoramic overview on their art and practice across media, from analog film-based gallery installations to site-specific camera obscuras. Attendance is free and open to the public.

Gibson + Recoder

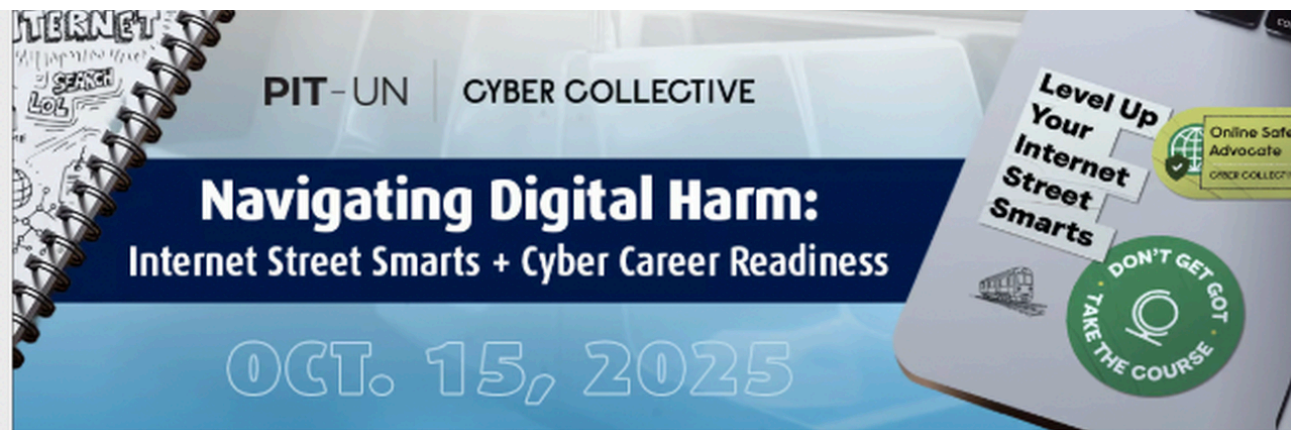
Object Lessons in Obsolescence (2005–2025)

University Art Gallery, Cal Poly

Opening Reception: Thursday, September 25, 5–7pm

Artist Walkthrough at 5pm

An installation of film and video works by **Gibson + Recoder** spanning two decades, *Object Lessons in Obsolescence*, features many of their signature pieces in which the materiality of the media object itself overshadows its original use value as a mere functional “medium” for the moving image.



Public Invitation. Protect Yourself Online + Explore Cyber Careers

Cyber Collective and the Public Interest Technology University Network (PIT-UN) are teaming up to bring you a **free, 90-minute interactive workshop** this fall:

Navigating Digital Harm: Internet Street Smarts + Cyber Career Readiness
October 15, 2025 | Virtual

You'll learn how to:

- Spot and prevent online scams, doxxing, sextortion, and surveillance
- Apply real-time risk assessment skills
- Discover career paths in cybersecurity and trust & safety

No tech background? No problem. You'll leave with tools you can use right away—plus insights to jumpstart a future in this field.

[Register Now](#)

Seats are limited. Let's make the internet safer, together.

[The Public Interest Technology University Network](#)

[View this email in a web browser](#)

PIT UN CYBER COLLECTIVE

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Volunteer Orientation &



Community Workshop

September 27, 2025

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Join our community workshop and discover Restorative Justice, along with practical ways to incorporate restorative practices into your daily life. Volunteer to become an essential part of youth and adult programs, providing guidance and stability using skills you already have. Discover our programs and learn how you can make a meaningful impact. Scan below for more information about Restorative Partners and sign up to volunteer.



Learn More Here

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Reentry Resource Center

Housing & Treatment

The Bridge Cafe

RJ Conferencing

In-Custody

Administration

Board & Committee Leadership

RestorativePartners.org 3196 S. Higuera #D SLO, CA 805-234-9069



VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Join Restorative Partners to learn about volunteer and internship opportunities that support rehabilitation and restorative practices.

- **Date:** Sept. 27, 2025
- **Time:** 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- **Location:** 4029 S Higuera St, San Luis Obispo
- Drinks, pizza & pastries provided (bring your own lunch if you'd like).

Open to all community members & students interested in making a difference.

OPPORTUNITIES

SAFER DVAM SYMPOSIUM

 Call for Presenters!

Safer is hosting the Gender- & Power-Based Violence Symposium on October 14, 2025 for Dating Violence Action Month. This year's theme is *Answer the Call: Connect. Empower. Transform.*

Keynote: Author *Myriam Gurba* (*Creep, Mean*).

Apply to present by Sept. 24: [Application Link](#)

Open to students, faculty, staff & community members.

Questions? Email clope105@calpoly.edu.

FALL COURSE OFFERINGS

CAL POLY 1ST GEN

UNIV 111

First Generation College Students Group Dialogue

- ✓ Support for students who experience marginalization.
- ✓ Explore your identities and experiences in a supportive environment.
- ✓ **Connect** with **peers, mentors, and professionals** who share similar backgrounds.
- ✓ Learn new **skills** to manage stressors unique to your experiences.
- ✓ Discover your **strengths, personal attributes, power, and resources!**

Interested? Scan QR code or follow this link:

tinyurl.com/4vy5xzca

Questions? Email: acabezas@calpoly.edu



CAL POLY
Campus Health
& Wellbeing

ENROLLMENT OPEN: UNIV 111 – First-Generation College Student

Group Dialogue

Enrollment is still open for **UNIV 111: First-Generation College Student Group Dialogue**, a CR/NC 1-unit course designed to support first-generation students, especially those navigating multiple marginalized identities.

Course Details:

- Mondays, 2:10 – 4:00 PM
- Tuesdays, 2:10 – 4:00 PM
- Capped at 10 students per section

This course provides a supportive space for students to:

- Build community and belonging with peers
- Reflect on challenges and strengths in their transition to Cal Poly
- Connect with campus resources for academic and personal success
- Develop skills to navigate unique stressors
- Shape class dialogue around the topics most meaningful to them

Interested students can refer to the flyer or use this [link](#) to request a permission code.



CAL POLY
College of Liberal Arts

COMS 270

CAREER READINESS & PREPARATION FOR CLA MAJORS

This 2-unit course is designed specifically for 2nd and 3rd-year liberal arts students looking to boost career readiness.

SECTIONS FOR FALL 2025:

270-01 Wednesdays, 10:10 a.m. - 12 p.m.


270-02 Fridays, 2:10 - 4 p.m



CAREER PREP OPPORTUNITIES

- **2025–26 Career Fair Schedule** is now available—start planning ahead for department events and communications.
- **CLA Career Readiness (COMS 270): Offered this Fall with two sections (Wed 10:10 a.m.–12 p.m. & Fri 2:10–4:10 p.m.).**
 - Taught by COMS lecturer & former Career Counselor Laura Hunkler.
 - Prepares students for career fairs and career exploration.
 - Open to all CLA students (especially helpful for 2nd & 3rd years).

STUDENT SUPPORT



College Possible

COFFEE CHATS

GRAB A CUP OF
COFFEE/TEA WITH
YOUR COLLEGE
POSSIBLE COACH AND
CHAT ABOUT:

- ACADEMICS
- TIME MANAGEMENT
- STUDY SKILLS
- BASIC BUDGETING
& MORE



CHECK IN WITH YOUR COLLEGE SUCCESS COACH

A call to College Possible students! Join your College Success Coach for coffee and chat about academics, scholarships, basic budgeting skills, and more. You can reach us through our emails Mgutie96@calpoly.edu and yvargass@calpoly.edu or through text. 😊



📢 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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