

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

## WEEKLY NEWS

### Note from Dr. Kirby

Week 10 is upon us. The end of the year is nigh! Getting close to finishing out the year, and for some IS majors finishing out your Cal Poly career. A reminder that the IS Major graduation and ISLA Department celebration are happening on **Thursday, June 8 from 4:00-5:30PM, 53-0213**. This will be an important opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of all of our IS majors and to recognize our graduating seniors. If you have not yet done so, please respond to the RSVP emails sent to you about the event.

My office hours are: **Tue 1-3PM and Wed 1-3PM either in person (47-36F) or Zoom** using this link: 6247671135. Please stop by if you need any assistance or email me and we can set up an appointment.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RSVP for the ISLA End of the Year Celebration

We are excited to invite you to our ISLA End of the Year Celebration! Please fill out [this RSVP form](#) so we can confirm your attendance!

The details are as followed:

When: June 8th Time: 4:10pm-5:30pm Where: Science North 053-0213

We sincerely hope you can join us to celebrate our students, including graduating seniors, and this year for ISLA as a whole. We will be handing out awards and snacks will be provided!

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at [is@calpoly.edu](mailto:is@calpoly.edu).

### Disability Cultural Program Survey - Support Disabilities on Campus

Note from Nicole A. Jacobs:

Dear ISLA Students,

As part of the BEACoN Research Mentorship program, I have worked with two outstanding students Chau Ngoc Minh Nguyen (last year) and Cade Creason (this year) on finding ways to expand disability cultural programming and offerings at Cal Poly. You can help us with this initiative!

We are currently assessing the needs of students, staff, and faculty for a Disability Cultural Program and Center on Cal Poly's campus. This work is in collaboration with the Disability Alliance, an ASI recognized student organization. The work has also been supported by the ASI Board of Directors who recently passed the ASI Resolution in Support of a Cal Poly Disability Cultural Program (Resolution #23-04).

The survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. All Cal Poly students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members are eligible to offer their feedback:

### [Disability Cultural Program and Center Questionnaire](#)

Your response will be anonymous and not tied to any identifiable information. Your participation will contribute to the effort to expand offerings, resources, and community for students, staff, and faculty with disabilities at Cal Poly. The survey may also familiarize you with existing resources. Please feel free to share our survey widely with other Cal Poly members.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [njacobs@calpoly.edu](mailto:njacobs@calpoly.edu). Thank you for your assistance in supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts for our campus community.

Sincerely,

Nicole Jacobs, Cade Creason, and Chau Nguyen

More info can be found at Mustang News: ['The effort won't stop': Cal Poly community petitions for Disability Cultural Program.](#)

## HIGHLIGHTS

### SLO Film Fest ~ Student and Faculty Featured Projects

Cal Poly Professors Randi Barros and James Werner hosted Short Cuts, a segment of the SLO film festival, at the Fremont Theater featuring student work.





# EVENTS



**CAL POLY**

**SHORT**

**CUTS**

*SHORT FILMS BY  
CAL POLY STUDENTS*

**WEDNESDAY  
JUNE 14, 7 PM**

**PALM THEATRE**

**FREE FOR STUDENTS**

**5\$ GENERAL ADMISSION**



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Short Cuts Screening at the Palm Theatre

Cal Poly Students will be screening their films produced in class at the Palm Theatre on Wednesday, June 14th at 7pm. We hope to see you there for a wonderful night of screening student work!



## STS Summer Retreat 2023

Registration deadline:  
**June 9, 2023**

NatureBridge at Golden Gate  
Beach Campus  
1033 Fort Cronkhite  
Sausalito, CA 94965

The UC Davis Department of  
Science & Technology Studies (STS)  
and the **California STS Network**  
invite you to join us this Summer!

Friday, June 30  
Saturday, July 1  
Sunday, July 2

<https://sts.ucdavis.edu/sts-summer-retreat>

More info:



### STS Annual Retreat

Dear STSers:

The Annual California STS Summer Retreat is back and we want you to join us! This is an amazing way to meet other STS grads and faculty from across California, share ideas and walks and tips about publishing and otherwise making STS part of your life. It takes place on a beautiful beach with fresh cooked food, big meeting space, and collective activity.

After having to cancel the retreat in 2020 and a way too long hiatus, the retreat will be held again in Marin Headlands from June 30 - July 2, 2023. We will gather at NatureBridge Beach Campus:

NatureBridge at Golden Gate

Beach Campus  
[1033 Fort Cronkhite](https://naturebridge.org/locations/golden-gate)  
[Sausalito, CA 94965](https://naturebridge.org/locations/golden-gate)  
<https://naturebridge.org/locations/golden-gate>

Following a very productive and well-established tradition the retreat will include a variety of workshops and social activities over the course of the days. For now, these will include:

- Two (2) minutes mini-introductions
- Discussion sessions focusing on dissertation / research project proposals
- Professionalization sessions for both students and early career faculty

- Workshops (topic oriented) led by faculty (TBA)
- Theory walks around campus (i.e., on the beach and hike trails up in the hills)
- Delicious meals, coffee (included), great company and conversation

Through collaboration between the Department of STS at UC Davis (which provides a subsidy) and NatureBridge the cost of this year's has been set at \$170.00 per person. This cost includes lodging, meals and Internet access. The retreat has been designed to host up to 60 participants (including faculty). Due to this restriction, spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Please REGISTER now and PAY by June 9. Your place in the retreat will be reserved only once payment has been received. Due to the nature of the partnership with NatureBridge payment is also NON-REFUNDABLE. Note: If there's a waitlist and your circumstances change, you may be able to find a replacement.

Please REGISTER here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScRh7piD3BvbZjX-d98kC9RdIPAI0jWxsLtZ1GoNiRqgzi5xQ/viewform?usp=sharing>

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need questions answered or if you ran into problems with the registration form.

Joe Dumit ([dumit@ucdavis.edu](mailto:dumit@ucdavis.edu)) & Andres Barragan ([cabarragan@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cabarragan@ucdavis.edu))

## Benefit for Rehabilitative Justice

Restorative Partners is hosting an event called **"Bridging the Gap" on June 23 at 7:30pm in the Fremont Theater**, showcasing restorative justice in action through an inspirational, educational, and engaging program of speakers and arts showcasing stories of justice-involved individuals and the success of a rehabilitative justice system. Speakers include individuals with decades of lived incarceration experience, survivors of violent crime, restorative justice academics and practitioners, and more.

Tickets to the event can be purchased here: [Buy tickets to Bridging the Gap in San Luis Obispo on June 23, 2023 \(seetickets.us\)](#)

# OPPORTUNITIES

## PASA (Pro-Abortion Student Advisory) Board Application

With the passing of Senate Bill 24 (the College Student Right to Access Act) in 2019, California became the first state in the nation to require public university campus health centers

to provide abortion pills to students. The law required student health centers to begin providing by January 1st, 2023, and [URGE California](#) is thrilled to continue the student advocacy piece of SB24 implementation.

URGE California is looking for three new members to join the Pro-Abortion Student Advisory (PASA) Board and invite students from the University of California (UC's) and California State University (CSU's) to apply. Joining the PASA Board is a unique opportunity to cultivate a bold and student-led vision demanding affirmative, timely and accessible medication abortion care on campus.

Students on the advisory board will have a space to strategize and collaborate when addressing issues with implementation, outreach, student use of medication abortion (MAB) services, and other campus/climate specific issues in their advocacy. Students will build upon and hone their organizing, leadership and project management skills throughout their membership.

Board membership requires a minimum commitment of 11 months starting July 2023 – May 2024. URGE will provide individual stipends for each meeting to compensate members for their time.

For questions, Contact Faith Garcia [[fgarcia@urge.org](mailto:fgarcia@urge.org)] and Kathryn Sherman [[ksherman@urge.org](mailto:ksherman@urge.org)]

## Remote Career Content Production Internship

A note from Shayne Walton:

Hi There!

My name is Shayne Walton, and I'm a UCLA MBA Student and a co-founder of Advize. We are a career exploration platform where students can access thousands of videos of recorded informational interviews from early to mid-career professionals across industries and functions to unlock career insights.

We are hiring a team of Remote Career Content Production Interns across all majors. Our interns will support building our video library by documenting professionals' experiences across industries and functions. Interns will receive a \$300 stipend after completion of the internship.

The job description and application link are listed [here](#).

Please apply by Friday, June 9th at 11:59 PM PT to be considered.

## University Union Advisory Board Opening - ASI Outreach

A note from ASI Outreach:

Cal Poly Students,

Joining ASI Student Government is a great way for you to stay connected, informed, and have a say in representing the needs of your fellow students.

We are currently looking for a student from the College of Liberal Arts to serve on the University Union Advisory Board (UUAB). As a member, you'll be able to advocate on behalf of other CLA students regarding policies, programs, and funding for ASI-managed facilities that directly impact you and other students, such as the University Union, Cal Poly Recreation Center, Cal Poly Sports Complex, and Doerr Family Field.

Applications are open until filled, and you can [APPLY HERE](#).

## Cal Poly Computer Science Program for Non-Majors

Cal Poly is hosting non-major computer science courses over the summer! Scan the QR code attached to the flyer to learn more.

## Americorps Student Success and Outreach Coordinator

The Cal Poly College of Engineering is committed to creating an inclusive college culture where our actions and policies support equitable success and where everyone is valued for being their own unique self. We are looking for someone who is excited about helping us implement this bold vision. The Cal Poly College of Engineering educates over 6000 engineering students enrolled in 14 undergraduate and 10 graduate degrees through an applied to Learn by Doing approach to education. Students participate in more than 80 college clubs and activities. This role is part of the CSU STEM VISTA program. As a member of this cohort, you will take part in a learning community of VISTAs across the California State University system. Our one-year program is designed to promote your growth professionally and personally as you create and enhance programs for STEM students and students enrolled in STEM Teaching credential programs. All projects within CSU STEM VISTA are focused on eliminating race, class, and gender disparities in STEM undergraduate graduation rates and STEM Teaching credential programs. You will be trained to utilize sustainable, asset-based approaches that engage students of color, students from low-income communities, and students who are the first in their families to attend college.

For more information, click [here](#).


## Lumina Alliance Upcoming Training


Lumina Alliance will host a **65-hour training from July 11th to August 29th**. Those who participate and complete this training will become **State Certified Peer Crisis Counselors** and will be able to volunteer on our crisis phone line to support survivors of Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Assault. Training is held hybrid, in-person at our SLO office or through Zoom. The training will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm and from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays.

Apply today at: <https://forms.gle/YphpLo6Ce6cp6Fpg8>

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Learn more at: <https://www.americorps.collegepossible.org/>

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### WOW Leader Nomination Form!

Happy Spring Quarter! We are so excited for Open House next week but right after that event is the start of our Spring Training series for our fall Week of Welcome (WOW) Leaders and we need your help! In order to provide the best orientation experience for the incoming class during WOW, we need to recruit more students that are passionate about helping others and being positive mentors/role models for new students.

If you know of any leaders who fit this description, please fill out the below form so we can send them information about the WOW Leader position. <https://forms.office.com/r/v1yjUGFwfE>

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### PULSE is hosting a Holistic Wellbeing Workshop for graduate and undergraduate students in Spring 2023

PULSE, Cal Poly's peer health education program, is hosting a brand-new Holistic Well-being Workshop this spring. **This workshop series that is geared to guide students through breathwork; explore vulnerability and openness with yourself and others; support with finding your boundaries; and an opportunity to cultivate a sense of calm in your life.**

The Holistic Well-being Workshop series is a student-run program that has been created in collaboration with professional staff at Campus Health & Wellbeing and is an **educational program** to share **tools** (mentally and physically) to cultivate awareness and goals around well-being. This is not a workshop run by Counseling Services.

In our 5-week program series, students will build community, eat free food, journal, and dive deep into the topics of Building Vulnerability, Discovering Identities, Noticing Your Relationships, Knowing Your Spaces and Limits, and The Wrap-up.

If you are interested in this program, please complete our interest form below:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2wING578IUSVNx03nMoq5yQnQhMZxJVLqSzbjal1p4VUM0ZYVUdYT0gzTUo0MEZNM1NGRzVUNTRRQiQIQCN0PWcu)

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If you have specific questions or concerns, please reach organizers at [pulse@calpoly.edu](mailto:pulse@calpoly.edu).

**The program will begin during week 2 of the Spring Quarter and run through week 6 of Spring quarter** with further sessions occurring in the following academic year.

## **Research Integrity through a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Lens Certificate Program**

As part of efforts to re-focus Cal Poly's research integrity and compliance programs to emphasize how policy and procedures related to integrity have been put in place to address issues of inequitable research practices, Research Integrity and Compliance is going to be offering a certificate program for students in Winter and Summer quarters. The certificate program will be a hybrid program involving some minimal readings, videos, and cross disciplinary interactions between students as they discuss their projects and equity and diversity within their research and would meet bi-weekly. This first year will also be offering participation stipends to students of at least \$150.

If you have students who may be interested, please forward this information along.

We are also looking at providing a version for faculty, although that version may be compressed into a few 2 or 4 hour sessions, or one or two 8 hour sessions.

If you or any of your students are interested, we have an interest collection [form](#) so we can directly contact interested folks.

## **Engineers Without Borders**

The Engineers Without Borders Kenya Team is starting a project to aid the market community of Masogo near the Kenyan city of Kisumu with a proposed water distribution project. This quarter, they will be conducting a remote community assessment to ensure that the proposed project is in line with the needs of the community. Students of all majors are welcome to come check out the team and join if interested! There are **weekly meetings on Mondays from 7-9pm at building 186 room C302** (186-C302). For questions, email [ewbkenyacp@gmail.com](mailto:ewbkenyacp@gmail.com).

[Read more >](#)

**STUDENT SUPPORT**



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## Interdisciplinary Studies in Liberal Arts

The IS program provides Cal Poly students with opportunities to explore connections between and across traditional areas of academic inquiry.

[isla.calpoly.edu](http://isla.calpoly.edu)

### New Interdisciplinary Studies Instagram

Due to technical difficulties, our team had to create a new account: [isla\\_cal\\_poly](#). Go ahead and give us a follow to stay up to date on all things ISLA. Hope you all had a wonderful break.

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### Cal Poly Student Startup: Ryde

[Ryde](#) is a service for Cal Poly students that helps you travel more affordably and comfortably! If you're driving home, Ryde can connect you with other Cal Poly students that will split your cost of gas. If you're looking for a way home, Ryde can connect you with/to students driving your way.

Want to learn more about us?

- [About Us](#)
- [Cal Poly CIE – Summer Accelerator Spotlight](#)
- [Cal Poly CIE – Demo Day Pitch](#)
- [Mustang New – Ryde](#)
- [Cal Poly Corporation Highlight](#)

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### Join the Cal Poly IS major LinkedIn page

A LinkedIn page for Cal Poly IS majors and alumni has been created! Please join this group using the following link: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/cal-poly->

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*conflict?*



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## 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

## ROOTS:

Last year we launched **ROOTS (Reclaiming Our Origins Through Self-Exploration: A BIPOC Support Group)**: a space for BIPOC students to explore their intersecting identities and gain support through shared stories in the current political climate. ROOTS is support group that will be running **Tuesdays at 10:10 - 11:40 AM**. We have transitioned this service to be a drop-in community space. Students may access ROOTS at URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83912743816>

For a full list and descriptions groups offered at Counseling Services, including additional identity focused spaces, you can [visit this page](#).

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### Stretch your summer fun, not your food budget. Let CalFresh benefits pay for your groceries.

Scan the QR code to learn about getting \$234 a month for groceries



## Financial Aid for Food: Get up to \$250/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/](https://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 here](#) 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](#)

 [pblc.it](https://pblc.it)

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- \* Do you know of any campus events relevant to ISLA?
- \* Do you have any cool research or projects you want to share with your peers?
- \* Or anything else relevant to the ISLA department.

# SHARE IT WITH US!

EMAIL US AT [IS@CALPOLY.EDU](mailto:IS@CALPOLY.EDU)

**Corona Virus Updates:**  
The safety, health, and wellbeing of all campus community members and visitors is a primary commitment for Cal Poly. For the latest updates and information regarding coronavirus and our campus preparedness, please visit <https://chw.calpoly.edu/coronavirus>.

**The Basic Needs Task Force:** Cal Poly wants every student to have access to food and housing in order to focus on their education. There are many resources to help students meet their basic needs. To learn about the food pantry, meal vouchers, emergency grants and more [visit here](#).

To learn more about other Resources, like Health & Counseling or Disability, you can visit the [Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#).

If you have any further questions:

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