

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

WEEKLY NEWS



Note from Dr. Kirby

I hope everyone's finals have been going smoothly this week. Spring break will soon be upon us. That will be a good time to re-charge your batteries and take some time off from your studies. I will not have my office hours next week. But if you do need to speak with me over Spring Break just send me an email and we can try to set up a meeting.

My office hours this quarter are Tu 1-3PM and Th 1-3PM. You can drop by my office at these times or you can contact me via Zoom using this link: [6247671135](https://us02zoom.us/j/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.

SPRING COURSE OFFERINGS

ENROLL IN ONE OF OUR NEW POLS 400-LEVEL COURSES!



POLS-428: IMMIGRATION POLITICS AND POLICY

Develop expertise in the policy and politics of immigration in a new course taught by Professor Serena Clark. Topics include policy challenges, political structures, and immigration's relationship to forced migration and climate change.

POLS-459: THE POLITICS OF POVERTY

Are you interested in learning about poverty in America while also having the opportunity to gain some community service experience? In this course, students will have the opportunity to volunteer for a shift at the ECHO Homeless Shelter.



POLS-470-01: MARRIAGE AND THE LAW

Taught by Professor Ron Den Otter this class will introduce you to the legal, moral, historical, and empirical aspects of the institution of civil marriage.

POLS-470-02: APPLIED POLITICAL ADVOCACY

Instructed by Professor Annie Frew students will develop the knowledge and tools to effectively engage with the policymaking process and influence decisions to create meaningful public policy.



POLS-470-03: WRITING AND PERSUASION IN THE LEGAL WORLD

In this course, taught by Professor Quemars Ahmed you will learn to construct persuasive arguments for a variety of audiences including judges, lawyers, and the public.

400 Political Science Course Offerings

Several POLS classes are being offered next quarter at the 400 level. See above for course descriptions and professors.



GRC 376

WEB AND PRINT

PUBLISHING

GRC 376 - Web and Print Publishing

Want to compliment your major or minor with a Graphic Arts course this Spring?

You will Learn about-

- Graphics Industry, How the Web Works, Color, Typography, Design and Layout Techniques, Creative Brief and Style Guide

You will Learn to Use Adobe software...

- Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, and a Web Coding App

You will Design and Create Layouts for...

- Logo, Newsletter, Brochure, and Web Pages

For more information contact the Graphic Communication Department- 805-756-1109

or Contact the Professor- iwbradle@calpoly.edu

Course Numbers- GRC-376 (Lecture) 6456 and GRC-376 (Lab) 64

A New Class from Cal Poly Theatre and Dance
TH470 ANCESTRAL THEATRE



Taught by Andrew Saito, MFA, Susan J. Currier Visiting Professor

Students will research and engage with their ancestries, genealogies, families and communities to research their familial and cultural pasts and relate them with our present and future through creating plays.

For example, a student could relate their ancestors' involvement in the Great Migration with the current and escalating climate displacement. What tools, experiences, wisdom, and strength in one's ancestral web could prove beneficial in today's changing world?

Spring Quarter 2024: Fridays from 10:10 am to 2 pm

Please contact the Theatre and Dance Department for course permission:

Brian Healy

bphealy@calpoly.edu



TH 470 - Ancestral Theater

Spring Quarter 2024: Fridays from 10:10 am to 2 pm

This Spring, Theatre and Dance is happy to host the Susan J. Currier Visiting Professor, Andrew Saito. Mr. Saito will be offering a Select Advanced Topics section: **TH470 Ancestral Theatre**.

About the Class:

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About Andrew Saito

Andrew Saito is an internationalist playwright who focuses on indigenous and cross-racial stories, hybridity, and struggles against colonialism and its long-lingering footprints. He holds an MFA from the Iowa Playwrights Workshop, and a BA in Ethnic Studies from UC Berkeley. Seminal mentors in his formation include: June Jordan, Cherríe Moraga, Tiya Miles, Octavio Solís, Migdalia Cruz, Naomi Wallace, and Sherry Kramer.

For more info, please contact bphealy@calpoly.edu

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Gender-Based Violence Research

Safer is prepping for Sexual Assault Action Month (SAAM) in April, and will be hosting a symposium as part of our daytime programming for our annual Take Back the Night event on **Thursday, April 25th**. The symposium will hold sessions that feature a Title IX panel, presentations from WGQS faculty, and student research.

ISLA majors or STS minors conducting research on gender-and power-based violence that are willing to share their research at our symposium are encouraged to reach out. Topics of interest include, but are not necessarily limited to, gender, sexuality, dis/ability justice, race, activism, and violence through an intersectional framework.

Interested students should fill out this interest form by Thursday, April 4th: [Interest Form](#)

CSU SRC Spring Break Artwork Contest!

The Cal Poly Office of Student Research is currently soliciting original artwork to be used in print and digital materials to promote the competition.

All entries to be submitted by end of day T 4/2/24, using this [online form](#).

- a. Promotional materials may include posters, t-shirts, bags, stickers, temporary tattoos, etc., as well as websites, social media graphics, and email blasts.
- b. Current Cal Poly students, alums, faculty, and staff are eligible to enter.
- c. All artwork must be original. A winning entry (or entries) will be selected in early April. Additional directions provided at the top of the [form](#).

Prizes

- a. Information about you and your selected artwork will be showcased in the 2024 CSU SRC program, Office of Student Research website, and OSR Instagram!
- b. \$100 gift card to the University Bookstore
- c. 20 complimentary stickers / temporary tattoos / trading cards with your winning artwork
- d. Any other promotional materials featuring your artwork (e.g., t-shirt)

We are broadly interested in the many different ways in which student research and creative activity makes a difference. We are looking for artwork that is adaptable for different uses. The artwork should look good in both large and small formats, when printed and in digital media.

Shoutout to the Bailey College, SDSU (host of the 2023 CSU SRC) & Catherine Trujillo for the inspiration!

Latine Podcast Mini Series

Communication Studies student Lily Rivas is hosting a podcast mini-series for her senior project. This podcast explores issues and topics that exist in the Latine/x community that is not always brought to light. Topics will include gender, sexuality, religion, first-generation experience, being Latinx in STEM, and more. These episodes are meant to bring understanding and discussion about identities and the Latine/x experience. New episodes premiere every Thursday. You can join for an in-person listening session in the Latinx Center (building 52, room E22) or on your own. Fill out the anonymous feedback form to give your opinions and ideas.



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](#).



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. 😊

EVENTS

COMS Career Networking Event



April 18th
5:00-7:00 pm



Yak?ityutyu
Community Center
72H-144

RSVP



Have the opportunity
to meet with
companies about
COMS internships, job
opportunities, and
career preparation!



Communications Networking Event - All majors welcome!

This event is open to COMS majors and related majors are encouraged to join.

A group of COMS students is hosting a COMS-specific networking event series to help students further develop their professional networking skills and guide their career paths. This event series is composed of 3 events: a resume and cover letter workshop, an interview tips and elevator pitch workshop, and a networking event with employers and alumni. Both of the workshops will have guest speakers from career services and potentially alumni and industry professionals attending.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERNSHIPS

Videographer Intern Wanted - CP Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

The CIE SBDC is seeking a motivated, energetic and highly organized individual. Ideal candidate is an art and design, graphic communications and/or marketing major in their freshman, sophomore or junior year of college. Must have videography experience with Adobe Premiere Pro or Final Cut Pro. Experience with Photoshop, Illustrator, or After Effects is also a plus. Must also have an inherent sense of structure, style and creativity.

For more information, check out: <https://calpoly.joinhandshake.com/stu/jobs/8573191>

Museum Archival Internships Available!

The CCVMM is seeking a grant-writing intern, digital archiving intern, and curating assistantship for the Spring 2024 term.

More info about CCVMM:

The CCVMM is a non-profit, SLO-based museum focused on collecting and sharing the experiences of Central California natives and communities as it relates to military conflicts. The CCVMM also works with the Library of Congress to collect the oral histories of veterans from all across the West Coast so that personal and realistic accounts of conflicts can be preserved and used to amend popular narratives.

For the full internship descriptions, please see the attached pdf.



Central Coast Veterans Memorial Museum

spring-internship-descriptions

[↓ download](#)

We invite you to consider making
SUMMER EXPERIENCE
 Part of your 2024 summer plans!
 June 17 - July 31
 No School 6/19, 7/4, & 7/5

WHY BE PART OF SUMMER EXPERIENCE?

- Many positions available
 - Certificated Teachers, Activity Leaders, Instructional Aides, Counselors, Secretaries, Administrators
- Opportunities to teach different subjects
 - ELA, Math, DLI, and Enrichment classes like Culinary Arts, Sports, Leadership, STEAM, and more!
- Flexible schedules - teach 3 or 6 weeks
 - Session 1: June 17 - July 10
 - Session 2: July 10 - July 31
 - M-F School Hours: 8:45-2:15 (1st-4th) & 8:30-2:00 (5th-8th)
- Teach at SLCUSD elementary or high school campuses

EARN EXTRA MONEY!

Credentialed Teachers:

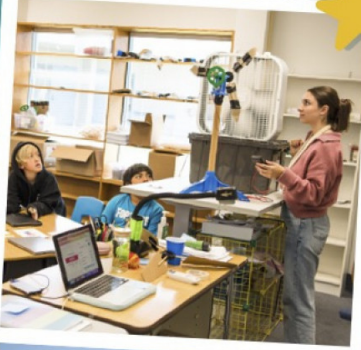
- Hourly per diem based on current rate of pay
- First year teacher up to \$6,435
- Top end teacher up to \$13,718

Activity Leaders:

- No Credential required
- Pay rate: \$30 hr
- Earn up to \$4,725

Classified:

- Hourly based on position and existing daily rate of pay



SCULD Summer Teaching Positions Available!

San Luis Coastal Unified School District is looking for qualified candidates to teach or be activity leaders in their Summer Experience Program. This may be a great opportunity for students who are currently enrolled in the Cal Poly teacher credentialing program to gain some practical experience and establish collegial relationships with existing SLCUSD staff. Students majoring in other subjects are also encouraged to apply. **SLCUSD has credential required teacher positions (for those expected to complete the program in June - \$41/hour) and non credential required activity leader positions (\$30/hour) for those who will not yet have a credential.**

Details about our Summer Experience program are included in the above image. Candidates have the option of working the full 6 week program from Jun 17 - Jul 31 OR the first 3 weeks or second 3 weeks. Elementary and secondary school site positions are available. Interested candidates should complete this [JOB INTEREST SURVEY](#) in order to be contacted by SLCUSD staff for a short online interview. Hiring is underway so the sooner the survey is completed the better. Thank you for your consideration to work with the San Luis Coastal School District to make a positive impact on our students this summer.

Contact jshepherd@slcUSD.org with any questions you may have.

OPPORTUNITIES

Health and Culture in Italy, Summer 2024



Italy Study Abroad - Psychology Course Offerings

Applications DUE MARCH 24

Join Professors Langner and López for a short-term study abroad program in **Naples, Italy!**

Program website: <http://tinyurl.com/bdt77mjh>

We will offer two intersecting psychology courses: Health Psychology (PSY 320) and Cultural Psychology (PSY 465) in summer session 1, June-July 2024. After two weeks in Italy together, we will finish the 5-week summer courses online, asynchronous.

Please view a recording of our information session at the program website <http://tinyurl.com/bdt77mjh>, and/or email the program leaders with your questions (clangner@calpoly and slopeza@calpoly).



ASI Seeking Student Director for Cal Poly Partners Program

Cal Poly ASI is seeking a student director to join the CP Partners Program where they will serve with other directors and board members like Dean Fleming.

Cal Poly Partners is a mission-driven organization built on the belief of positive doing to elevate education, empower individuals and enhance the university experience. Through our flexible approach and an unyielding spirit, we break boundaries to provide essential university resources and services. Our unwavering commitment to these principles is what sets us apart.

At Cal Poly Partners, we don't just provide services; we forge partnerships that shape the future. Join us in building a brighter tomorrow for Cal Poly and its community. Together, we can accomplish more than we ever imagined.

For more information, click here: <https://calpolypartners.org/>

To apply, visit the [ASI work page](#).

Application closes March 24th.

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Learn more or apply at
CollegePossible.org/Serve



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Serve with College Possible and Empower College Opportunity for all!

As a College Possible AmeriCorps coach, you'll help talented, driven students from under-represented backgrounds achieve their goal of a college degree.

Employers seek out AmeriCorps service members because they bring hands-on skills in team leadership, facilitation, equity and inclusion, intercultural communication and transferable industry expertise. Gain a head start for your career by helping aspiring youth navigate and overcome systemic barriers to achieve their goal of a college degree.

ISLA CLUBS

ISLA CLUB

Connect with ISLA peers Gain networking opportunities Find an ISLA community!

Follow the Instagram for more updates!



@calpolyislaclub

Join the GroupMe



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



Instagram
[@mustangfilmsociety](https://www.instagram.com/mustangfilmsociety)



For more info contact
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 VMCS-concentrated students.

If interested, please contact Dr. Emily Ryalls at eryalls@calpoly.edu or follow the Instagram [@mustangfilmsociety](https://www.instagram.com/mustangfilmsociety)

STUDENT SUPPORT



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/>



Cal Poly Student Startup: Ryde Carpool

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](#)



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](#).



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/ 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](#)

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

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](#).



[Check out our Instagram!](#)

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