

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

## WEEKLY NEWS

### **Note from Dr. Kirby**

We are fortunate this year to be hiring two new faculty members for ISLA. This week and next we have talks by applicants for the Global Studies with Latinx migration position. Please attend the research talks if you are able.

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.

## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



## Professor Randi Barros lands a semifinalist spot in the Nicholl Awards for THE CHICKEN FESTIVAL

ISLA Professor Randi Barros's script, THE CHICKEN FESTIVAL, is a semifinalist for the Oscars Nicholl Awards. Congratulations Professor Barros!

For more info, check out this link: <https://www.oscars.org/nicholl/ceremonies/2023>



## Dr. Brandiff Caron featured in CLA magazine

ISLA professor Dr. Brandiff Caron is featured in CLA magazine for his research in artificial intelligence. His work centers creative ways to incorporate considerations of justice, equity, diversity and inclusion into computer science and engineering design processes, including the use of artificial intelligence. For more information, check out the magazine here:

<https://cla.calpoly.edu/liberal-arts-and-ai>

**SPRING COURSE OFFERINGS**

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](mailto:bphealy@calpoly.edu)



## 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](mailto:bphealy@calpoly.edu)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Learn & Listen: Latine Podcast Mini Series

Listen to a podcast for a senior project dedicated to exploring identities and issues in the Latine community



Join in person at LA CASA and enjoy free food or listen on your own

**In-person listening**

Thursdays at 3pm  
Feb 15th  
Feb 22nd  
Feb 29th  
March 7th

**Scan to listen**



**Scan to give feedback**



## 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](#).



## Have your art featured on campus!

Applications are now being accepted for the Cal Poly Utility Box Art Project - a campus beautification initiative transforming utility boxes into works of public art to enhance the vibrancy of the campus and showcase local talent. All students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to submit an application (due: March 1st) via email to: [af@calpoly.edu](mailto:af@calpoly.edu). Selected artists will be notified in March/April and will receive a \$250 VISA gift card to cover necessary materials. Utility Box Art Project guidelines and application can be found [here](#).

WELCOME TO

# ISLA CLUB



We invite you to our **inaugural meeting**  
**English building 22 - Room 0212**  
**Friday, Feb. 9**  
**1:10pm - 3:00pm**



Join us for introductions, discussing future plans for the club, and bracelet & key chain making!

Follow the Instagram for more updates!

Join the GroupMe



@calpolyislaclub

## New 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 or join the GroupMe for more updates.



**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](mailto:Mgutie96@calpoly.edu) and [yvargass@calpoly.edu](mailto:yvargass@calpoly.edu) or through text. 😊



# MUSTANG FILM SOCIETY

## DO YOU LIKE FILM?

HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED  
TO PLAN AND EXECUTE A FILM  
FESTIVAL?

WOULD YOU LIKE THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET FOLKS  
IN THE FILM INDUSTRY?



CONNECT WITH PEERS  
INTERESTED IN FILM!



BUILD IMPORTANT  
INDUSTRY SKILLS!

INTERESTED? CONTACT DR. EMILY RYALLS  
[ERYALLS@CALPOLY.EDU](mailto:ERYALLS@CALPOLY.EDU)

### Mustang Film Society Starting!

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!



# EVENTS




## Jeremy Davis - Can Algorithmic Evidence Justify Killing?

Dr. Jeremy Davis be speaking on the ethics of using algorithms to justify killing. The talk will be **during UU hour, Thursday, March 7, in 180-101**. More info on the talk below.

Most of the scholarly attention paid to issues at the intersection of AI and military ethics has focused on the threat of killer robots; however, there are a range of issues that arise for other technologies, including many systems currently in use. I focus here on the use of predictive algorithms in military decisions about whether, when, and whom to kill. I will focus in this talk on the issue of whether these algorithms can furnish their users with a justification to kill. I will argue against the view that algorithmic evidence cannot, on principle, be morally admissible. Still, this kind of evidence is in general insufficient for clearing the high evidentiary threshold for justified killing. There are, however, important exceptions, which suggest that, in theory—if not too often in practice—algorithmic evidence can support a justification to kill. I will then end with some caveats and concerns about the use of these systems in practice, which challenge the moral justification for their use not at the level of specific acts but as a general practice.

# COMS Career Networking Event

 April 18th  
5:00-7:00 pm

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Community Center  
72H-144

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

RSVP



## 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**

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 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

**COMPLETE OUR INTEREST SURVEY**

**SUMMER EXPERIENCE**  
*Learning Beyond the Classroom*  
SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SummerExperience@slcUSD.org | 805-549-1271 | se.slcUSD.

## 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**

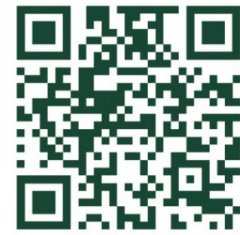
**(for those expected to complete the program in June - \$41/hour) and non credential required activity leader positions (\$30/hour) for those who will not yet have a credential.**

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](mailto:jshepherd@slcusd.org) with any questions you may have.



# INTERESTED IN A CAREER AS A RESEARCH SCIENTIST?



## WHAT IS CAL POLY U-RISE?

U-RISE at Cal Poly will provide research opportunities to students from underrepresented groups and develop their identities as scientists. Students will leave inspired and prepared for success in graduate school in the biomedical field.

Students in the program will receive tuition assistance (~\$7,500/year for two years), an annual stipend (~\$14,000/year) for completing ~10-15 hours/week on research, and a paid 10-week summer research experience.

*U-RISE at Cal Poly consists of four key components over a 2-year training program:*

- 1. A mentoring team and individual development planning*
- 2. Mentored research experiences at Cal Poly and at another research-intensive university*
- 3. Formal coursework to support students' development as scientists*
- 4. Events outside the classroom (e.g., research seminars, professional development, team building, peer mentoring)*

## ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Full-time undergrad Cal Poly student
- ✓ Cumulative GPA of at least 2.5
- ✓ US Citizen, permanent resident, or non-citizen national
- ✓ Commitment to pursuing a PhD or MD/PhD in biomedical field
- ✓ At least two years from graduating or have at 90+ units
- ✓ Meet 1 of the NIH definitions for underrepresented population: underrepresented minorities, first generation college going, pell grant eligible, individuals with disabilities



**CAL POLY**  
Center for  
Health Research



## Opportunity for Aspiring Research Scientists

U-RISE is an exciting program funded by the National Institutes of Health that provides research opportunities to students from underrepresented groups and develop their identities as scientists. Students will leave inspired and prepared for success in graduate school in the biomedical field.

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For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://healthresearch.calpoly.edu/u-rise>

## Gravity Water 2024 Internship Opportunities

### **-OUR MISSION-**

"Gravity Water turns rain into safe water for schools in need around the world."

### **-OUR VALUES-**

Integrity, Enthusiasm, Connection, Leadership, Perseverance

### **-OUR CORE PRINCIPLES-**

"We do our best in our capacity."

"We communicate with clarity and mindfulness."

"We stay connected to our mission."

"We value collaboration."

"We see challenges as opportunities."

Gravity Water is a US-based 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization that focuses on providing clean drinking water to communities in developing countries by utilizing a unique, electricity-free approach.

If you are motivated and excited about learning and making a difference in mitigating the global water crisis and looking to gain real-world experience within a growing non-profit organization, Gravity Water may be the place for you! We have several internship opportunities for students, like you, within our Youth Initiative Program and University Chapters at UCSB and CalPoly

### **Open internship positions:**

- University Program Outreach Coordinator (1 position)
- University Program Event Coordinator (1 position)

## **Increase Accessibility to Clean Drinking Water!**

Gravity Water is a global nonprofit organization that is dedicated to providing clean drinking water to schools in Nepal and Vietnam by installing rainwater filtration systems. For more information, please see the attached pdf.



# Gravity Water 2024 Internship Opportunities

[Click here for Gravity Water Internship Extended Information](#)

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## Study Abroad in London Next Summer!

A note from Professor of Geography, Benjamin Timms:

We would like to invite you to join us in London next summer! This is a great opportunity to take upper division GE courses (prerequisites waived) and experience London and environs, which is one of the world's great cultural and economic centers. Here is a QR code to take you to the program website for more information:

<https://abroad.calpoly.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10889>

The six-week summer program offers students twelve Cal Poly units with three upper-division general education courses (B, C, D). Note that prerequisites will be waived for those that will be 2nd year status or don't meet the others.

Please view the website, contact the faculty members, and seriously consider coming to London next summer! Note the Olympics will be in Paris next summer, just a 2 hour train ride away.

# OPPORTUNITIES



## 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.**



## Study Abroad in Europe!

Application deadline: March 15th

Multiple study abroad opportunities are available for students in Europe through CEA CAPA for the Summer and Fall terms.

Are you ready to embark on a transformative journey designed to enrich your college experience? As a current first-year student at Cal Poly, now is the perfect time to start planning your study abroad adventure with CEA CAPA – and we have a special promotion, just for you.

Imagine yourself walking to class through the vibrant streets of **Barcelona**, exploring **Paris** as a learning lab as you study the sciences and engineering, or immersing yourself in the rich cultural tapestry of **Dublin** – all while earning credits towards your degree. With programs vetted and approved by the Cal Poly International Center, you can trust that your academic pursuits abroad will align well with your academic goals.

Business and Liberal Arts:

[Fall 2024 Study in Barcelona \(Pre-approved courses\)](#)

[Fall 2024 Study in Dublin \(Pre-approved courses\)](#) (more coming soon!)

Engineering:

[Summer 2024 Engineering in Barcelona \(Pre-approved courses\)](#)

[Fall 2024 Engineering in Paris \(Pre-approved courses\)](#)

Apply by **March 15**, and you'll receive a flight credit of **\$500** for summer or **\$1,000** for fall programs. Simply use promotional code **CalPolyFall24** for fall programs and **CalPolySum24** for summer in your CEA CAPA application to unlock this exclusive, first-year student-only offer. Ready to take the next steps?

Questions? [Contact us!](#) Use the subject "Summer or Fall Dublin/Paris/Barcelona with CEA CAPA."

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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.

# 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](#)
- [Cal Poly Corporation Highlight](#)

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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 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/](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](#)

### 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](#).



[Check out our Instagram!](#)

[Follow us on LinkedIn!](#)

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