

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

## WEEKLY NEWS

### Note from Dr. Kirby

IS Major graduation and ISLA Department celebration! **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.

Please note that I will be traveling for the rest of May 2023. So, my office hours will be cancelled for this month. I will be checking emails intermittently during that time and will do my best to respond as soon as possible. For immediate assistance, please contact the ISLA Department Office @ 805-756-2740.

## 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).

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



### **Faculty Highlight: Dr. Kirby**

Dr. Kirby recently gave a plenary presentation at the “Sharing Desired Futures” Practices of Futurecasting” conference in Linz, Austria. He spoke about his work exploring the role that Hollywood movies can play in stimulating technological development.

<https://desiredfutures.c-fd.eu/>

## **EVENTS**

### **Guest Lecture on Transgender Identity and Politics**

Dr. Paisley Currah, Professor of Political Science and Women's and Gender Studies at Brooklyn College is lecturing on the trans-exclusionary policy in current United States law. The talk will be held in Building 14 (Frank E. Pilling Computer Science), Room 249 from 10:10am-12:00pm this Friday, May 19th. We hope to see you there!

### **Gallery Opening: "Diaspora of Daydreams"**

The "Diaspora Daydreams" exhibit is opening next Friday, 5/12, from 3-5:30 in the library's Community Gallery, which features stories and photos of diaspora Cal Poly students. This is the senior project of SOC major Iman Laique.

## **Shortcut to the Director's Inner Circle: The Script Supervisor Role**

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 2:00pm - 3:00pm PDT

There's a powerful film department head job hiding in plain sight, that you can train for fast, starting with no experience, that when leveraged can walk you straight into directing, producing, acting, and screenwriting. In the last 15 years Jennifer Carriere has script supervised hundreds of episodes of network television and dozens of films. She has created, out of sheer necessity, the most efficient, fail-proof script supervising system possible. Please join us for a 60 minutes information session where we cover:

What does a script supervisor do? Why should you consider becoming one?

Script Supervisor Daily Steps A-Z

Continuity Breakdown using a short script

Ask Me Anything Q&A + Discussion

Click [here](#) for more information.

## **Take a Look Inside the Graphics Studio at Walt Disney Imagineering**

Thursday, May 18th - 5:00 - 6pm

Baker Building 180-114

Imagineers and Cal Poly alumni Mark Panelli (Art and Design '94) and Kyle Branch (Art and Design '19) as they offer a look into the creative process and types of work that they contribute as members of the Graphics Studio at Walt Disney Imagineering. This guest lecture will take place on Thursday, May 18 from 5 – 6 p.m. in Room 0114 of Baker Center for Science and Mathematics (No. 180).

Founded by Walt Disney in 1952, Walt Disney Imagineering is the creative force behind the memorable Disney experiences that connect and inspire across generations and borders. And we are proud our experiences continue to set the bar in an industry Walt's "Imagineers" pioneered. Walt Disney Imagineering embodies a world-class design firm, premier development company, extraordinary storytelling studio, and cutting-edge innovation lab — all rolled into one. Home to an overwhelming breadth of expert talent from around the globe, Imagineers partner closely with colleagues from across The Walt Disney Company to bring the most awe-inspiring new worlds and cherished characters to life.

## **STEM Initiatives Talk on Thursday, May 18th**

You are invited to a talk being sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, Psychology and Child Development, and Liberal Studies!

The talk is titled "Beyond STEM competencies: Informal STEM learning initiatives as contexts for

holistic, culturally-relevant youth development" and takes place in bldg. 180, room 101 on Thursday, May 18th from 11:10am to 12pm.  
If you would like to join on Zoom, you can register here: <https://calpoly.zoom.us/j/86843359037>

## Technical Writing Career Panel on May 18th

You are invited to the Technical Writing Career Panel on May 18th, 2024 at 11:10 AM - Noon in room 205 Engineering West (Bld. 21). Hear from and connect with industry professionals from Cepheid, Workday, and iFixit.

Make sure to scan the QR code to register (encouraged not required).

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# OPPORTUNITIES

## Call for Applications: APIDA FSA Scholarship (June 1 Deadline)

The Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Faculty Staff Association is offering a scholarship of up to \$1000 to one or more students with demonstrated need and who have made significant contributions to the APIDA community.

Application form can also be found [here](#).

**Deadline is June 1.**

If you have any questions, please email [rbuyco@calpoly.edu](mailto:rbuyco@calpoly.edu).

## 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.

## Seminar on Female Genital Mutilation on Kenya

This seminar aims to give students an insight of the practice of Female Genital Mutilation in Kenya in the context of its traditional and cultural value to the Western region populations.

Students will engage in further understanding of anti-Female Genital Mutilation policy and legislative reform in Kenya. Information sessions will be held on Tuesdays in May in Building 43A - Room 261. Scan the QR code for more information!

## 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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## 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.

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?id=2wING578IUSVNx03nMoq5yQnQhMZxJVLqSzbja1p4VUM0ZYVUdYT0gzTUo0MEZNM1NGRzVUNTRRQiQIQCN0PWcu>

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 >](#)

## 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-interdisciplinary-studies-in-the-liberal-arts/>

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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.



## 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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## 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/](http://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

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

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,

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

preparedness, please visit <https://chw.calpoly.edu/coronavirus> emergency grants and more [visit here](#).  
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If you have any further questions:

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