

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

## WEEKLY NEWS

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

Enrollment for the Winter term is upon us. If you have any questions about classes for your IS major then please contact me and we can discuss them. I will be out of town this week attending the Society for the Social Studies of Science conference. So, I will not be holding regular office hours. However, I will still be able to meet with students via Zoom using this link: 6247671135. Just send me an email and we can arrange a day/time to Zoom.

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](mailto:is@calpoly.edu).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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!

If interested, please contact Dr. Emily Ryalls at [eyalls@calpoly.edu](mailto:eyalls@calpoly.edu)



# MUSTANG NEWS

## CAL POLY'S NEWS SOURCE

### 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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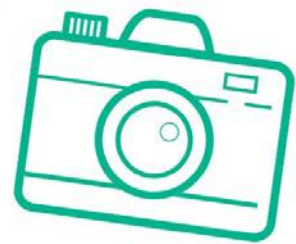


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ACADEMICS

## International Education Week is Next Week!

The Cal Poly International Center is celebrating International Education Week (IEW 2023) November 13-17!

The week's events provide opportunities for the campus community to participate in cultural and educational programming virtually and in person. An initiative of the U.S. Department of State, International Education Week highlights the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide.

**Events include student panels, study abroad info sessions, and internationally themed meals by Campus Dining.**

Click [here](#) or use the link below for the full list of free events, locations, and Zoom links! Cal Poly students and employees will be entered into a raffle for each event they participate in during IEW 2023.

<https://international.calpoly.edu/event/international-education-week/>

## EVENTS

### ***Obvious Child* Screening and Talk by Kimberly Kelly**

The Interdisciplinary Studies Department is happy to announce a screening of the 2014 film *Obvious Child* on Wednesday, November 8th at 4:30PM at the Palm Theatre. Admission is free!

The film screening will be followed by a talk from Dr. Kimberly Kelly, Director of Gender Studies at Mississippi State University. Dr. Kelly's talk, "Ordinary Abortion in *Obvious Child*: What Abortion Really Looked Like in America," will address the myth that all abortions are tragic, unwanted, clandestine, and dangerous. She will address the history of abortion in television and film, while also highlighting that the portrayal of abortion in *Obvious Child* as a fairly typical abortion for white, middle-class woman. In order to consider the race and class dynamics in how women experience abortion, Dr. Kelly will also include some of the results from the interviews she did with Pink House (<https://www.thepinkhousefund.com/who-we-are>) patients.

### **Art Exhibit - LIFELIKE**

**LIFELIKE**, a group exhibition curated by writer, curator and artist Katie Peyton Hofstadter, explores the work of ten artists logging biological, genetic, and behavioral information on a digital ledger, to invoke a conversation about body sovereignty in our technopresent. The exhibition also features an interactive and VR experience, presented by **EPOCH**, and a performance schedule spanning the

Cal Poly University Gallery, the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art (SLOMA) and the Center for Expressive Technologies (CET).

The artists in this exhibition are interested in what it will mean, and how it will feel, to have a body in a future where wetware (living tissue) serves as a foundation for technology, where medical implants monitor not only our hearts and minds, but also our experiences and relationships; and where decisions are made by programs [even their creators](#) do not fully understand. Today, phones harvest information about our bodies and behaviors [by default](#). How does it feel to seek digital connection when our every swipe, movement, and private message is [under surveillance](#)?

Using their own bodies, these artists stress-test the present and near-future, probing how information flows between our biological and virtual identities, and expanding our vocabulary through imaginative scenarios. By bringing a creative lens to the conversation, they invite the possibility that the lab rats might now take back control.

This exhibition expands the ideas put forth in Hofstadter's text, [Bodies on the Blockchain](#) (2022).

The opening ceremony will occur **next Thursday, October 12, 5:30-7:30pm** in the University Art Gallery (Dexter, Building 34). For more information go to the [University Art Gallery web page](#).

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERNSHIPS

### Civic Tech Fellowship Opportunity - United States Digital Corps

The [US Digital Corps](#) is about to start their application process on Monday November 6th. The Digital Corps is a **two-year, full-time, paid fellowship** for early-career technologists to serve in the federal government. Fellows contribute their skills in **software engineering, data science & analytics, product management, design, and cybersecurity** to high impact priorities across government. The fellowship offers competitive pay (\$86k+ in Washington DC) and benefits, as well as opportunities for growth and a path to a long-term career position. The Digital Corps offers in-person, hybrid, or remote work, depending on the host agency.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the application process, they can visit the [USDC website](#). As mentioned above, applications open on Monday, November 6th. They do have a cap on applications per track, so it's recommended to apply sooner than later. Any questions about the process can also be sent to [usdigitalcorps@gsa.gov](mailto:usdigitalcorps@gsa.gov)

For any questions about civic technology or the application process, reach out to Jaxon Silva (<mailto:jaxonvsilva@gmail.com>)

### AmeriCorps VIP Position Available!

AmeriCorps VIP half year position application is now open in San Luis Obispo!

This is a great opportunity for December graduates looking for an opportunity to serve the community, gain professional development experience, and earn a living and an education award.

**Service Sites include:**

SLO Noor Clinic, Cal Poly College Corps, Cal Poly Student Diversity and Belonging,

Big Brothers Big Sisters, SLCUSD and more!

**If you want to learn more about becoming an Americorps VIP and joining our amazing team of fellows, here's what to do next:**

[Check out our website](#)

[Apply here today!](#)

**Application deadline is December 15th.**

Email Molly at [mpendley@calpoly.edu](mailto:mpendley@calpoly.edu) to schedule some time to answer any questions you have!

## Urban Trees VR position

The Center for Expressive Technologies Seed Grant Team is looking for a student assistant.

Undergraduate student wanted for an interdisciplinary research collaboration with the Urban Forest Ecosystem Institute (<https://ufe.calpoly.edu/>). UFEI researchers at Cal Poly are investigating the human benefits of trees in the urban environment. We seek a research assistant with an interest in Virtual Reality to create realistic fly-through experiences in urban environments across a range of socioeconomic and climate conditions in CA using 3D point cloud data from airborne Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR). Desired qualifications: working knowledge of Python, JavaScript, or 3D game programming in Unity or similar. Interest in VR, GIS, remote sensing and urban forestry are a plus, but not required. Applicants should include a cover letter and resume and email to Dr. G. Andrew Fricker ([afriker@calpoly.edu](mailto:afriker@calpoly.edu)), and Dr. Jonathan Ventura ([jventu09@calpoly.edu](mailto:jventu09@calpoly.edu)).

## Videographer Opportunity at Big Brothers Big Sisters

A note from Madi Walker:

My name is Madi Walker, and I am an AmeriCorps VIP Member at Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Luis Obispo County, a local non-profit in the area! I am reaching out to you with an opportunity for students in ISLA and STS.

In May 2024, we are hosting our annual BIG Event, a fundraising event that raises critical funds and encourages people in the community to become a mentor to an at-risk child in the area. We are currently looking for a Cal Poly student to create a short 4-5 minute film with the guidance of our Development Director. This film will highlight the stories of a few matches in SLO County as a way to show the power of mentorship and encourage more community engagement with our organization that we can share at the BIG Event.



## Startup Launch Weekend: Get Funding for Your Startup!

A note from Michelle Wu:

My name is Michelle Wu, President of Cal Poly Entrepreneurs. I wanted to pass on a unique event our club is hosting that I believe your students would find valuable!

We are hosting our largest pitch competition of the year, Startup Launch Weekend, from November 10-12. This Shark Tank-themed event will start downtown in the CIE Hothouse with guest speakers, catered food, and a business model canvas workshop. Throughout the weekend, students will form groups and develop a business idea, for the chance to win over \$2100 in prizes!

This is an amazing opportunity to network, meet industry leaders, engage in customer development, and present their final pitch to a panel of judges. We will cater food from In n Out, Celsius, SloDoCo, Costco, and much more!

We would be grateful if you could pass on this information to your students— attached is our official event flier with the sign up form attached through QR code. Or, if you would like us to come present to your classes on this amazing opportunity, please let me know and we can send a club officer to do so!

Here is the link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/ZMjXvq11ALxzgZb7A>

## Call for Submissions: Intertidal Literature Journal

Attention all writers and artists!

Intertidal is a literary and art journal that aims to reflect Cal Poly writers and artists of all experience levels, backgrounds, and majors in their growth and connection through creativity.

To honor our journal's vision of inclusivity and diversity, we welcome and encourage students, staff, and faculty of all identities, academic disciplines, and experience levels within the Cal Poly community to submit works of creative writing and visual art. We want to hear from you!

Vol. 2 Vision Statement: Like a California tide pool flourishing with an abundant display of marine life, Cal Poly is home to an equally diverse array of literary and artistic talents. The 2024 issue of the Intertidal literary journal will showcase these talents, allowing readers to peer into a realm of creative expression that celebrates our university's multilayered ecosystem.

Submissions may include but are not limited to the following genres: short fiction, poems, essays, screenplay excerpts, comic strips, photography, paintings, and illustrations.

Requirements: The window for submissions is open now until Friday, 12/08/23. Writing submissions must not exceed 15 pages. Visual art submissions must not exceed 5 pieces.

Submit your work here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCMRtqezztllh1uqrTUjwVBo91gX\\_eR-U32gQuvL5R5p5C6w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCMRtqezztllh1uqrTUjwVBo91gX_eR-U32gQuvL5R5p5C6w/viewform)

Please email any questions that you may have to [intertidal@calpoly.edu](mailto:intertidal@calpoly.edu).

Our Intertidal team will also be hosting one-on-one workshops for anyone wanting to go over their work prior to submission! Reach out via email if you are interested in scheduling.

In the meantime, follow [@cp.intertidal](https://www.instagram.com/cp.intertidal) on Instagram to stay up to date with the journey of the publication.

Take a look at last year's Intertidal publication here:

<https://digitalcommons.calpoly.edu/intertidal/>

## Americorps Position - AVID Tutor

San Luis Coastal Unified School District is seeking an AmeriCorps member to support AVID tutors in the middle school and high school from January-June and February-July.

[Learn more here!](#)

## AI Policy Study Opportunity

We are thrilled to announce the opening of applications for our AI Policy Clinic Spring 2024 cohort!

Are you passionate about the intersection of technology, policy, and ethics? 🏛️🤖 Do you want to learn about the emerging frameworks for the governance of AI? Do you want to shape the future of AI and its impact on society? 🌍

 Deadline: 19 November 2023

📌 Who should apply: Policy enthusiasts, tech aficionados, ethics champions, and all those eager to make a difference in AI governance.

The Spring 2024 cohort promises exciting learnings, insightful discussions, and a network of like-minded professionals. Successful completion of the course leads to the award of the CAIDP AI Policy certificate.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity! Apply, share, and help us spread the word. Let's build a brighter AI future together! 💡

[Complete details here](#)



<https://diversity.calpoly.edu/cal-poly-hsi-high-impact-mini-grant-program>

Deadline: Nov 30, 2023

Cal Poly strives to be a university that enhances student success by creating a culturally rich environment of diversity and inclusion, academic excellence, and social responsibility. To further our mission of becoming an Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) that thinks critically and holistically about serving the Latinx/e community, we are excited to announce the Cal Poly HSI High Impact Mini-Grant Program for AY23-24. This program is designed to support initiatives that advance our goals of "servingness" in our efforts to become an HSI. Up to ten mini-grants will be awarded ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 for projects and programs that demonstrate a strong potential to holistically impact the Latinx/e community at Cal Poly.

Eligibility:

All Faculty, staff, and students at Cal Poly are eligible to apply including individuals, organizations, departments, and units.

Project Focus: Proposed projects should align with [the mission of Cal Poly's pathway to becoming an HSI](#) and center the experiences of the Latinx/e community.

**Applicants may apply for mini-grants in the following categories:**

**Educational Initiatives:** Projects that enhance educational opportunities and outcomes for Latinx/e students, such as curriculum development, mentorship programs, or academic support services.

**Cultural and Community Engagement:** Initiatives that promote Latinx/e culture, heritage, and community engagement on campus, including cultural events, workshops, and awareness campaigns.

**Research and Innovation:** Projects that support research endeavors and innovations that address issues relevant to the Latinx/e community or contribute to the advancement of Cal Poly's HSI status in STEM, as a Predominantly White Institution, as a CSU etc.

More details here: [here: https://diversity.calpoly.edu/cal-poly-hsi-high-impact-mini-grant-program](https://diversity.calpoly.edu/cal-poly-hsi-high-impact-mini-grant-program)

## **Research Grant Applications Open!**

Proposals are now being accepted for the Baker/Koob endowments. These funds support Learn by Doing, interdisciplinary research opportunities for students. This year, \$66,000 of anticipated funding is available to fund approximately 20 projects. Proposals are due November 8 and all Cal Poly undergraduate and graduate students are invited to apply. You can find more information on the Office of the Provost website: <https://provost.calpoly.edu/endowments>.

I've attached some images and sample social post text if you would like to share this information with your audiences. Please let me know if you have any questions on this and thank you all for your help in promoting this great opportunity for students!

## Student Grant Opportunity

The **Cal Poly Student Professional Development Fund** awards up to \$2,500 in scholarship to eligible students to support career exploration, including conference and seminar travel, attending scholarly seminars or symposiums, participating in research initiatives with faculty, and many other extracurricular opportunities related to your major.

This fund aims to support applicants who demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Financial Aid Office, in attending and participating in a variety of opportunities that could aid their career exploration.

Here is more information and the link to apply: <https://deanofstudents.calpoly.edu/student-professional-development-grant>

## Interested in Sustainable Global Development?

Engineers Without Borders, Cal Poly is a student-led non-profit organization that supports community-driven development programs worldwide through the design and implementation of sustainable engineering projects, while creating multidisciplinary and leadership experiences for students. With four international project teams in Fiji, Kenya, Nicaragua, and Local, we work to address issues such as water, education, food security, sanitation, and energy by collaborating with our partnered communities.

We are hoping to diversify the majors represented in our club in order to fill roles in business and cultural sub teams as well as to harness cross-disciplinary perspectives in designing holistic solutions that fit the needs of our communities.

Whether you're passionate about business development, cultural insights, leadership opportunities, or making a positive impact, EWB has a place for you.

Join us for Crash Course (7-9 PM on 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, and 10/23 in the ATL (Room 07-02)), where you'll learn about the EWB project process, community-centered design, and everything you need to know to join a project team and make a difference!

Go to [linktr.ee/ewbcalpoly](https://linktr.ee/ewbcalpoly) to sign up for our mailing list, club Slack channel and all other links.

## 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/>

# STUDENT SUPPORT



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Want to learn more about us?

- [About Us](#)
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- [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/](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](#)

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Corona Virus Updates:  
The safety, health, and  
wellbeing of all campus

The Basic Needs Task  
Force: Cal Poly wants every  
student to have access to food

To learn more about other  
Resources, like Health &  
Counseling or Disability, you

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>.

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](#).

can visit the [Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#).

## 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!

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