

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

WEEKLY NEWS

Note from Dr. Kirby

I hope everyone has settled in to a good routine as we begin Week 3. There are plenty of events and activities happening this month that will help make your Cal Poly and IS experience richer. My office hours this quarter will be Tu 1-3PM and Th 1-3PM. So during these times you can drop by my office or you can contact me via Zoom using this link: 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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Project Information Session

ISLA Majors - Do you have questions about how the Senior Project works? We will be holding an information session on Tuesday, October 31 from 11:10AM-12:00PM over Zoom (<https://calpoly.zoom.us/j/3851628168>). During this session we will explain the goals and structure of the senior project and will answer any questions that you have about ISLA 461.



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/>

EVENTS

NATIONAL TRANSFER STUDENT WEEK

MONDAY, OCT. 16

National Transfer Student Week Kick Off
11am-1pm on Dexter Lawn

Transfer Bowling with the Learning Support Center
6-8pm at Mustang Lanes (Bldg 65)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18

Pop-in and Meet Your Support Programs
2-3pm in Bldg 52 Rm E29

Art & Food with University Housing
5-7pm in Cerro Vista Community Center (Bldg 170G)

SCAN FOR MORE INFO



Any questions? Email us!
transfer@calpoly.edu

TUESDAY, OCT. 17

Transfer Talk: Getting Involved in Student Research
11:10-12:30pm in Bldg 11 Rm 104

Dolores Huerta Keynote at HSI Symposium Keynote
5-6:30pm in Chumash Auditorium (Bldg 65)
RSVP Required

THURSDAY, OCT. 19

Food, Health & Wellness Resources
12:30-1:30pm at Campus Health and Wellbeing downstairs patio (Bldg 27)

Transfer Social with Student Diversity & Belonging
1:30-3:30pm in La CASA (Bldg 52 Rm E22)

FRIDAY, OCT. 20

Breakfast Connections with Transfer Faculty, Staff & Alumni
9-10:30am in Advanced Technology Lab (Bldg 7 Rm 101)

Transfers Explore Downtown with Association of Transfer Students
2:30pm-afternoon
Meet at PAC bus stop at 2:30pm OR Mission Plaza at 3pm



CAL POLY
Transfer Center

National Transfer Student Week Events

National Transfer Student Week is coming up this October 16th-20th! All events are free and aim to celebrate and uplift the transfer student experience. Students that attend 3 or more events will get a free transfer center t-shirt. For more info, check out the [transfer center website](https://www.calpoly.edu/transfer-center).

GRADUATE SCHOOL AND FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

Throughout October, attend a host of virtual events and workshops covering a variety of topics related to graduate school. Check out our calendar on Handshake, listed below, to find information on all our cool events!

In collaboration with the Office of Student Research, Graduate Education, BCSM Student Services, CENG, and BEACoN Research Mentors, we are offering various workshops and info sessions throughout October to help you prepare for graduate school.

See you there!

GRADUATE SCHOOL AND FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

Upcoming events for the week:

MONDAY
10/9

Learn By Doing Research: How to Find and Apply to Student Research

10:10am - 11:00am | Office of Student Research | **Zoom** | Meeting ID: 965 4466 1711

MONDAY
10/9

Writing Work Party: Grad School Prep and Organization!

11:10am - 12:00pm | Office of Student Research | **Zoom** | Meeting ID: 994 3377 7264

TUESDAY
10/10

The CSU Predoctoral and Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Programs: Fund Your Grad School Exploration and Studies

11:30am - 1:00pm | Graduate Education and Office of Student Research | **In-Person** | Science Building 52, Room D27 (conference room)

TUESDAY
10/10

Coffee & Connections: Connecting Aspiring and Current Student Researchers with Faculty, Staff, & Each Other

3:10pm - 4:30pm | Office of Student Research | **In-Person** | Building 52 Breezeway (near Baker Lawn)

THURSDAY
10/12

Connecting with Potential Grad School Advisors - The Cold Call/Email

11:10am - 12:00pm | Office of Student Research | **Zoom** | Meeting ID: 965 4466 1711

FRIDAY
10/13

SURP+ Research Poster Symposium

1:30pm - 3:30pm | Office of Student Research | **In-Person** | Engineering Plaza - near Bonderson, Building 197 & ATL Building 7

FRIDAY
10/13

Mini Grad School / Research Opportunities Resource Fair

1:30pm - 3:30pm | Office of Student Research | **In-Person** | Engineering Plaza - near Bonderson, Building 197 & ATL Building 7

SATURDAY
10/14

California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education at the University of San Francisco (Free)

8:00am - 4:00pm | Office of Student Research | Contact studentresearch@calpoly.edu for more information! Transportation provided.

Graduate School and Fellowship Events for the Month of October

Cal Poly Career Services Announces: GRADUATE SCHOOL AND FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

In collaboration with the Office of Student Research, Graduate Education, BCSM Student Services, CENG, and BEACoN Research Mentors, we are offering various workshops and info sessions throughout October to help you prepare for graduate school.

In addition to the attached schedules, all events are listed at <https://careerservices.calpoly.edu/explore-services/your-events> and [Official Career Services Event Calendar](#) on MustangJobs/Handshake.

Cal Poly Research Week Events

Cal Poly Research Week is October 9-13, 2023! The Division of Research invites you to attend various events focused on celebrating and creating connections in research, scholarship and creative activities at Cal Poly. To learn more and register, please visit research.calpoly.edu/upcoming-events. Please direct questions to research@calpoly.edu. It is not too late to register!

For details, visit the [Cal Poly Division of Research Website](#) (or click on the photo!)

Upcoming 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](#).

Inclusivity for Leadership Talk

The 2023 Student Leadership Institute is proud to feature Raven Solomon presenting:

"How to Be an Inclusive Leader"

Friday, October 13, 2023, 2:00-3:30 pm in Chumash Auditorium

Raven Solomon is a global Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion thought leader and nationally recognized keynote speaker who helps organizations get future-ready by understanding generations, racial equity, and their intersection.

Inclusive Leadership can be a very illusive and ambiguous term. Yet, as the U.S. population grows more and more diverse and emerging markets strengthen around the globe, it is an emerging leadership capability that will be vital to the success of our workplaces and marketplaces in the very near future.

Busy leaders need to know precisely what they can and should do to be inclusive leaders who truly foster a sense of belonging within their teams that results in employee engagement, high performance, and consistent results now and into the future. In this program, Raven breaks inclusive leadership down into 6 straight-forward characteristics, demonstrating what each looks like in everyday leadership. She covers the inner drivers necessary to actualize these characteristics in a way that is seen and felt by team members.

You will leave with a clear understanding of the importance of their inclusive leadership, newfound courage to lean into discomfort, and an awakened curiosity to learn more about yourself and your bias, as well as the lived experiences of others.

Please consider attending (free to all faculty, staff, and students) and encourage those in your spheres of influence to attend as well. A promotional flyer is attached.

Hosted by: Center for Leadership

RSVP: <https://now.calpoly.edu/event/9326143>

***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.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERNSHIPS

Digital Impact and Governance Initiative (DIGI) Intern Wanted

Digital Impact and Governance Initiative at New America, is currently seeking candidates for an internship opportunity and we believe that students from your programs would be a great fit.

DIGI is dedicated to creating a bridge between digital solutions and democratic values. With the overarching mission of promoting equity, accountability, justice, and integrity in the digital domain, we are offering students an opportunity to immerse themselves in a dynamic environment where technology meets policy.

The internship we are offering is tailor-made for those keen on exploring the crossroads of tech and democracy. Not only will our interns gain hands-on experience in pertinent research projects, content creation, and strategic communications, but they will also have the chance to author or co-author publications, adding significant value to their portfolios. Additionally, they will benefit from all events hosted by New America.

Would it be possible for you to help amplify our search by sharing the internship details with potential candidates within your network? We'd greatly appreciate any assistance you can offer in terms of posting the position on relevant job boards, distributing through internal university channels, or even suggesting direct contacts who might be interested.

Any interested candidates can apply directly at <https://newamerica.applytojob.com/apply/zLiNGpMLN7/2023-Internship-Digital-Impact-And-Governance-Initiative-DIGI-Intern-Paid> by Oct. 20th.

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 (afriicker@calpoly.edu), and Dr. Jonathan Ventura (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.

OPPORTUNITIES

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 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.

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

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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

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.

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](#)

 pbic.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

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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