# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

#### WEEKLY NEWS

#### Note from Dr. Kirby

We have hit the halfway point in the quarter. I hope everyone is happy with how their classes are going. 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.



# 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

#### **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



#### 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/



#### Mustang Media Group: Short Survey

Please fill out this short survey to help Mustang Media Group improve its media service!

Click here: https://forms.gle/Mhnh9QuqMCbqVmCVA

# ACADEMICS

**Cal Poly Career Services** 

# **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!

	Connecting Your Experiences to Professional Competencies for Health Professions Graduate School Programs 11:00am - 12:00pm   BCSM Student Services, Pre-Health Advising   In-Person   Building 53, Room 202
TUESDAY 10/24	Research: How to Apply and Why to Go!
tuesday 10/24	Dreaming of Grad School: Resources and Tools for Undocumented Students 4:10pm - 5:00pm   Career Services   Zoom   Meeting ID: 810 0425 4266
thursday 10/26	Applying to Cal Poly for Grad School & Cal Poly Grad School Panel 1:00pm - 2:00pm   Graduate Education   In-Person   Building 52, Room D27 (Conference Room)
FRIDAY <b>10/27</b>	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Graduate School Information Session 12:00pm - 1:00pm   Hosted by CENG   In-Person   Building 197, Room 203

#### Graduate School and Fellowship Events for the Month of October

Cal Poly Career Services Announces: GRADUATE SCHOOL AND FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

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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.

## EVENTS

#### CAL POLY THEATRE AND DANCE DEPARTMENT AND THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS PRESENTS:

# THE BRIDGE, THE BREAK, AND BELONGING: HIP HOP MASTER CLASS

#### with Larry Southall Friday Oct. 27, 2023 2:10 - 4 PM PAC Pavilion, Cal Poly

LARRY TEACHES TRADITIONAL STREET DANCE THIS CLASS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Sign Up for Free Here:

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT DIANA STANTON: DSTANTON@CALPOLY.EDU Larry Southall holds an MFA in Performance and Choreography from the University of Colorado. A native of the Bronx, NY, he began working with Hip-hop dance forms in the early 1980's. He has worked with the Boulder Ballet, The Harambee African Dance Ensemble, Blue Moon Dance Company, Motion Underground, Longmont Symphony and Dance Theatre, Cleo Parker, Robinson Summer Institute, Denver school of the Arts, and Steamboat Springs Dance Theatre. He has served as a master teacher at Dance Place in Washington, D.C., at Slippery Rock University, and for the American College Dance Festival. Larry has choreographed for the Native Tongue Dance Theatre, Skeleton Dance Project, The Black College Dance Exchange, and the Legacies concert of the American College Dance Festival in Boulder, Co and is respected nationally as one of the great traditional Hip-hop teachers. Larry is currently Rehearsal Director of The Grass Roots Project under the direction of Rennie Harris and co-creator of the Hip-hop studies certificate along with Rennie Harris at CU Boulder through the Theatre and Dance Department.



#### **Hip-Hop Masterclass**

With support from the College of Liberal Arts, the Theatre and Dance Department is very happy to present **"The Bridge, The Break, and Belonging: hip hop master class"** with Choreographer Larry Southall, Friday October 27. This opportunity is open to the public and we hope you will share this flyer throughout your departments, programs, and local networks.

For more information, please contact Professor Diana Stanton at dstanton@calpoly.edu.Hope to see you there!

The ISLA department presents...

# **OBVIOUS CHILD**

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Talk to follow by... **Dr. Kimberly Kelly** Mississippi State University

## Ordinary Abortion in Obvious Child: What Abortion Really Looked Like in America

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8TH 4:30 PM ~ PALM THEATRE

**FREE ADMISSION** 

#### **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.

# LIFELIKE

# is coming to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

October 12 – December 9, 2023

Opening weekend events October 12-13 Details below

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museum art

#### 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).

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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 <u>under surveillance</u>?

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

# NOW HIRING

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EARN MONEY TO PAY OFF STUDENT LOANS

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

GAIN INVALUABLE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & NONPROFIT EXPERIENCE

#### SERVICE TERM

January 2024-June 2024

# JOIN OUR TEAM





#### 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 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://ufei.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 (africker@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**



Application deadline: 19 November 2023 Learn more and apply: <u>https://www.caidp.org/global-academic-</u> <u>network/ai-policy-clinic/</u>

Enhance your policy research, analysis, writing, and presentation skills to the fullest

#### **Al 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? **m i** 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

# coding it forward >

#### **Summer Coding Fellowship Applications Open!**

A note from Jaxon Silva: The Coding it Forward Fellowship is a paid, 10-week summer fellowship that empowers early-career technologists to innovate in local, state, and federal government offices across the United States. They are looking for fellows in roles across cybersecurity, data, design, product, and software to help build a more equitable and effective government for all.

I know that the unique skills and perspectives I brought as a LAES student (and as an ISLA minor) were invaluable to my experience as a fellow, and I know that are valuable to the various federal, state, and local agencies that are trying to achieve some really awesome things. I already know Cal Poly students are doing great work helping their community through things like Seeds in STEM, the CET, or even DxHub; and I've found this program to be a really great way for students to take it further, and know that there are real career pathways for them where the work can be to create a positive change in their communities.

The applications for this fellowship are open until October 29th. They have an upcoming information session on the 22nd. If you have any questions about the program, please contact jaxonvsilva@gmail.com.

# IADELANTE!

#### Cal Poly HSI High Impact Mini-Grant Program

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



#### **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 Professional Development Grant



#### **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.

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#### JOIN US TO:

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- gain engineering, business, multidisciplinary and leadership experience
- become part of a community dedicated to improving lives worldwide

OUR CURRENT PROJECT TEAMS:





SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAILS

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#### LEARN MORE AT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS:



FALL KICKOFF Learn about EWB and our four project teams at our first meeting of the year. Tuesday 9/26 6-9 PM in the ATL (Room 07-02) CRASH COURSE Dive into the EWB project process to prepare for project team meetings. Mondays: 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23 7-9 PM in the ATL (Room 07-02)

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#### Interested in Sustainable Global Development?

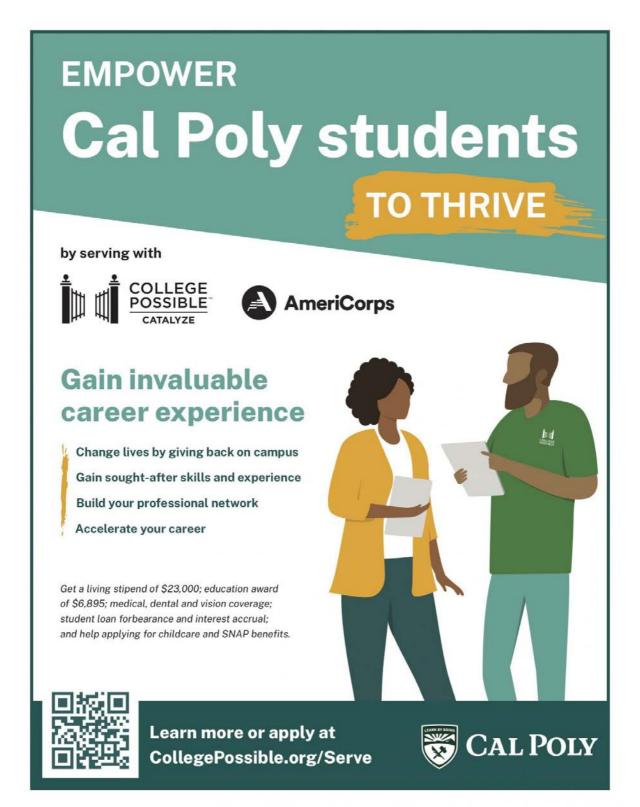
Engineers Without Borders, Cal Poly is a student-led non-profit organization that supports community-driven development programs worldwide through the design and implementation of sustainable engineering projects, while creating multidisciplinary and leadership experiences for students. With four international 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.



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

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## STUDENT SUPPORT



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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#### In conflict? SLO Solutions can help. And it's free.

Whether you have a challenge with a *roomate, neighbor, landlord or tenant*, call and talk to a Conflict Resolution Specialist. They will listen to you, offer coaching on your conflict, answer questions, and refer you to resources. They also offer free mediation services to help you resolve the conflict.

#### Not sure how to get started? Reach out today.



#### **SLO Solutions Conflict Resolution**

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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.

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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/ 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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#### 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 AT IS@CALPOLY.EDU

# Follow the new ISLA Instagram!



Corona Virus Updates: The safety, health, and wellbeing of all campus community members and The Basic Needs Task Force: Cal Poly wants every student to have access to food and housing in order to focus To learn more about other Resources, like Health & Counseling or Disability, you 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/coronav irus.

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.

If you have any further questions:

IS Majors/ICMA: IS@calpoly.edu 805-756-2740 Dr. Kirby's Office Hours: 2-4 PM Wednesdays and by appointment dakirby@calpoly.edu

