

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES



WEEKLY NEWS

Note from Dr. Kirby

Welcome back to Cal Poly for a new academic year! There will be plenty of opportunities that will be of interest to IS majors this year. This weekly ISLA newsletter will keep you up to date on information that is important for IS majors. For those recently enrolled into the IS major, on an ICMA, a transfer student, or are part of our Freshmen cohort the newsletter is a place to share news and to let all ISLA students know about internal/external events, research opportunities, and career services' programs relevant to them. 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.

Please let me know if there is anything I could help you with during the quarter. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


ISLA Course Offering ~ Innovation and Sustainability

There is a new course being offered this Fall that would be appropriate for many ISLA students. It is scheduled for MW 12:10-2.

IME/ISLA 470 - Innovation and Sustainability in the Start-Up Nation

Innovation and sustainability are topics of significant importance in current work environments, and necessary factors in process design. The combination of these topics has the potential to transform processes and improve modern economy. This course prepares students to meet Industrial and organizational needs in the intersection of these areas. This course will provide knowledge that will be both helpful and expected of graduates upon entry into the workforce.

EVENTS



optional info
session in 38-114
on Tuesday,
October 3 from
11am-12pm

free paddling
clinic in Morro
Bay on Sunday,
October 8 from
9am-1pm!



DRAGON BOAT WITH CAL POLY



scan to fill out
interest survey!

Come Dragon Boating With Us!

Dragon boating is a team watersport that originated in ancient China. If you like kayaking, rowing, canoeing (outrigger or otherwise), or other paddle sports, there's a good chance you'll enjoy dragon boating.

We're trying to form a Cal Poly dragon boat team and are looking for folks who might want to be part of it! We're holding a free paddling clinic/workshop in Morro Bay on Sunday, October 8 from 9am-1pm--no prior experience or equipment is necessary! If you think you might be interested in joining the team and/or attending the clinic/workshop, please take a second to [fill out this short interest survey](#) and Dr. Anne Jansen will be in touch with more information; you can also reach out to her directly at amjansen@calpoly.edu.

If you have questions or want a little more information, you can attend an optional info session on Tuesday, October 3 from 11:00-12:00 in Building 38, Room 114. Stop by and bring a friend or two!



Shielded: How the Police Became Untouchable

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 6
3:10 - 5:00PM
BUILDING 180
ROOM 107

THE PUBLIC IS
WELCOME

Since the murder of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis in 2020, police misconduct and brutality, and questions about how such problems intersect with race and other demographic characteristics, have finally appeared on the country's radar screen. Although the need for radical change is long overdue, not much has been done, despite its urgency.

In her talk based on her new book, *Shielded*, Joanna Schwartz will address the challenges of police reform, its legal dimensions, and what can be done to reduce unjustified police violence.

Professor Schwartz is Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law and one of the country's leading experts on police misconduct litigation. Her recent scholarship includes articles empirically examining the justifications for qualified immunity doctrine, the financial impact of settlements and judgments on federal, state, and local law enforcement officers and agency budgets, and regional variation in civil rights protections across the country.

Email Professor Den Otter if you have any questions: denotter@calpoly.edu



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Presented by the Political Science Department

Guest Speaker: Joanna Schwartz

Joanna Schwartz will be giving a talk about police violence and its legal dimensions on Friday, October 6th. The event is open to the public and will be held in Building 180, Room 107 from 3:10-5:00PM.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERNSHIPS



Big Brothers Big Sisters.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Videographer Needed



Big Brothers Big Sisters is looking for a passionate and skilled individual to create a short film about the power of mentorship in our community. This film will be previewed at our annual BIG Event, a fundraiser held in May every year.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Potential for:

- Senior project/internship credit
- Real-world skills application
- Serving a local non-profit

Time frame: Fall & Winter Quarter

More information :  (805) 540-1926  caity@slobigs.org

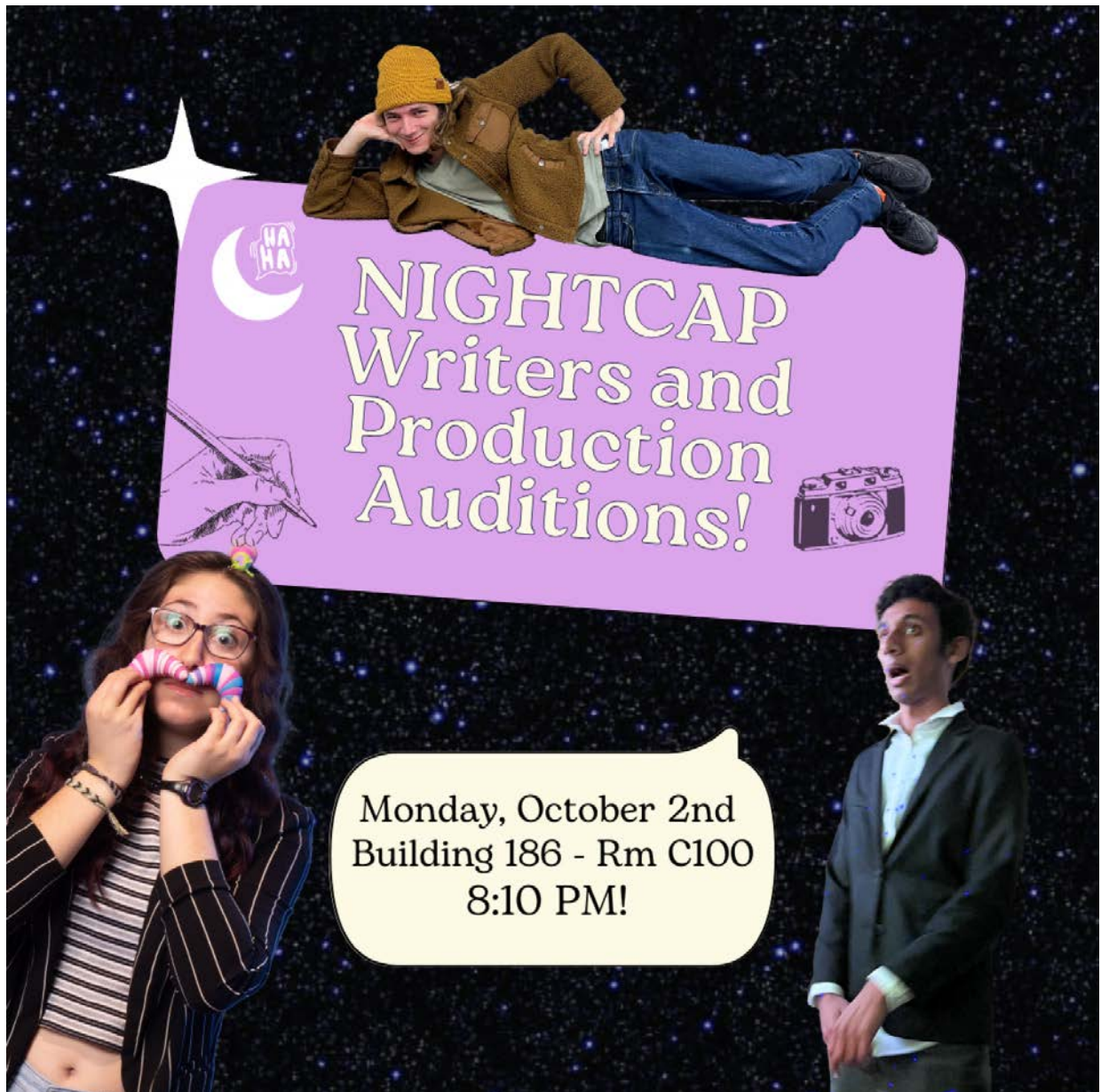
Videographer Opportunity at Big Brothers Big Sisters

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



Sketch Comedy Club Auditions!

Auditions for The Nightcap are THIS MONDAY at 8:10PM in Construction Innovations C100! Our cast is split into two teams: writers and production. Our writers pitch ideas, write scripts, and act in our sketches. Our production team takes care of everything else: video production, video editing, graphic design, marketing, stage crew, and more. If you're interested in comedy, entertainment, theatre, or the arts, this opportunity is for you!

Check out our Instagram for more on how to prepare for auditions, and our Youtube for content from our previous shows, both at the link below!

<https://linktr.ee/thenightcapslo>

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.



Cal Poly Theatre and Dance is hosting **AUDITIONS** for its Fall productions, **Dead Man's Cell Phone**, by Sarah Ruhl, and **A Cat Found God**, by Benjamin Sulzberger.

Sunday, September 24, 1p - 4p Building 45 (Davidson Music)

Dead Man's Cell Phone - Room 212 Black Box

A Cat Found God - Room 202 Design Lab

The Cal Poly Theatre and Dance department is committed to casting individuals of all backgrounds, beliefs, ethnicities, social classes, genders, gender identities, gender expressions, national origins, documentation statuses,

religious affiliations, sexual orientations, ability – and other visible and non-visible differences.



Dead Man's Cell Phone and A Cat Found God Auditions

The Cal Poly Theater and Dance Department is hosting auditions for its two fall productions! The auditions will happen on Sunday, September 24, 1pm - 4pm in Building 45 (Davidson Music). To find more information, go to the [theater department website](#).

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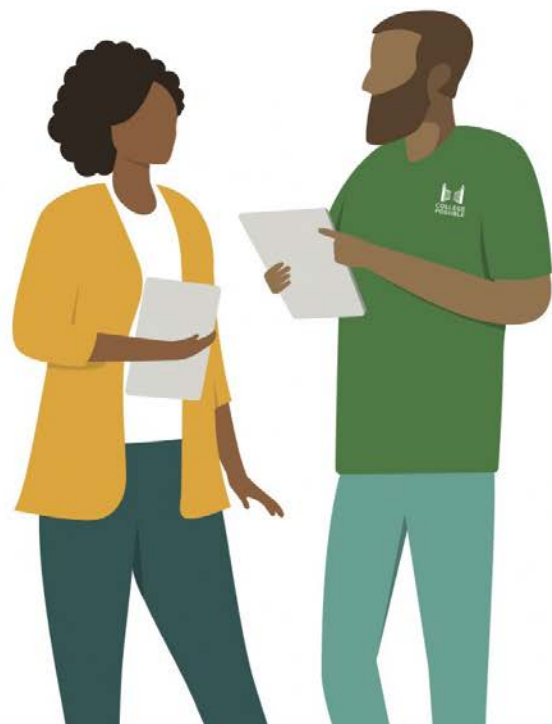


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As a College Possible AmeriCorps coach, you'll help talented, driven students from under-represented backgrounds achieve their goal of a college degree.

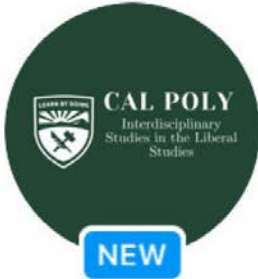
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Interdisciplinary Studies in Liberal Arts

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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Cal Poly - Interdisciplinary Studies in the Liberal Arts

ISLA program provides Cal Poly students with opportunities to explore connections between traditional areas of studies.

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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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Got a *conflict?*



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

Whether you have a challenge with a *roommate, 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.



slosolutions.org / 805.549.0442 / info@creativemediation.net

SLO Solutions is a program of Creative Mediation, a division of Student Health and Community Services, a unit of the Office of Student Health and Community Services, a unit of the Office of Student Health and Community Services, a unit of the Office of Student Health and Community Services.

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.

Stretch your summer fun, not your food budget. Let CalFresh benefits pay for your groceries.

Scan the QR code to learn about getting \$234 a month for groceries



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](https://www.instagram.com/calfreshcalpoly)

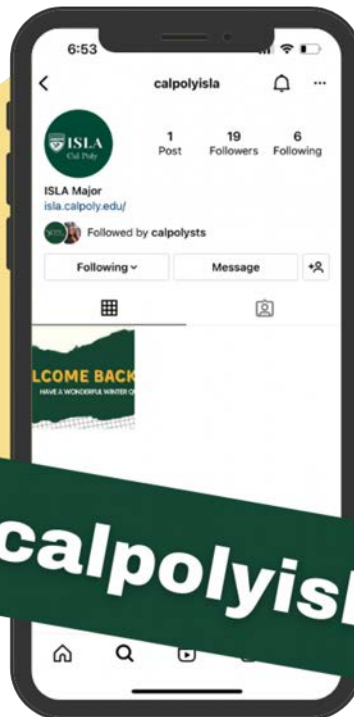
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- * 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

Follow the new
ISLA Instagram!



@calpolyisla

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/coronavirus>.

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:

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