

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

WEEKLY NEWS

Note from Dr. Kirby

I hope everyone survived their first week. You may have encountered some issues as you navigate a new school year. So, please let me know if there is anything I could help you with. 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.

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

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!

GRADUATE SCHOOL AND FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

Upcoming events for the week:

MONDAY
10/2

Writing Work Party: Developing Strong CVs and Resumes

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

TUESDAY
10/3

Grad School 101

3:10pm - 4:00pm | Career Services | **Zoom** | Meeting ID: 883
6264 1026

THURSDAY
10/5

Identifying Your Assets and Creating Your Mentor & Support System Map

10:10am - 11:00am | Office of Student Research | **Zoom** |
Meeting ID: 883 6250 1116

FRIDAY
10/6

Preparing for the Graduate School Application Process – How to Get Organized!

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

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.

A vibrant poster for a dragon boat race event. The background is a bright yellow with vertical lines radiating from the center, suggesting a sun. At the top, there are stylized green leaves. In the center, there are two columns of text in a blue, hand-drawn font. Below the text is a wavy line representing water. The main title 'DRAGON BOAT WITH CAL POLY' is written in large, bold, black capital letters. At the bottom, there are stylized blue waves and white clouds. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner, with a red arrow pointing to it and the text 'scan to fill out interest survey!' in red, hand-drawn font.

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 - 5:00 PM
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

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.




HOW TO BE AN INCLUSIVE LEADER *with* *Raven Solomon*

**FRIDAY, OCT. 13
2 -3:30 P.M.
CHUMASH
AUDITORIUM
*Free***

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.

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Paths **Oct 13, 2023 | 2-3:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium**
REGISTER: NOW.CALPOLY.EDU



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>

The ISLA department presents...

OBVIOUS CHILD

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERNSHIPS



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).



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

JOIN ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS CAL POLY!



JOIN US TO:

- design and implement **sustainable engineering projects**
- gain engineering, business, multidisciplinary and **leadership experience**
- become part of a community dedicated to **improving lives worldwide**

OUR CURRENT PROJECT TEAMS:



STAY CONNECTED!



SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAILS

STUDENTS OF ALL MAJORS AND YEARS ARE WELCOME & ESSENTIAL!

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)

FOLLOW US: @EWBCALPOLY
LEARN MORE: WWW.EWB.CALPOLY.EDU
JOIN OUR SLACK: LINKTR.EE/EWBCALPOLY

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/ewbcapoly to sign up for our mailing list, club Slack channel and all other links.

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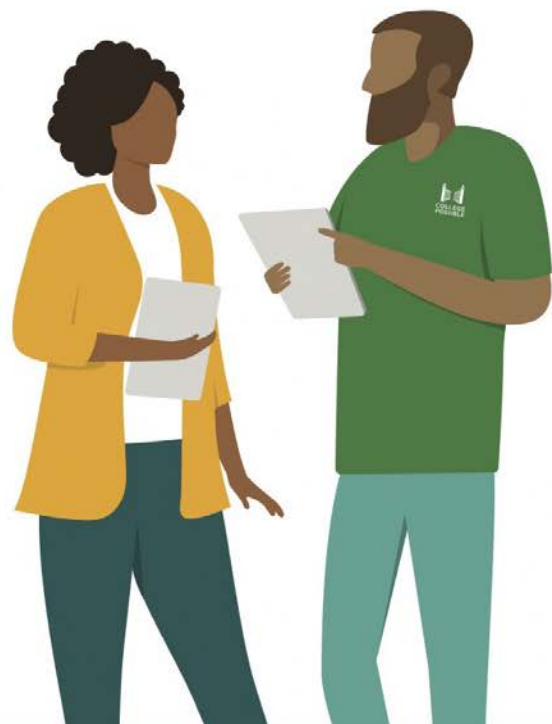


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Interdisciplinary Studies in Liberal Arts

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](#)
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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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Learn more ↗

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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.



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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

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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