Note from Dr. Kirby

I hope everyone’s first week of Spring has gone well. All those Winter rains have produced a “super bloom” in the area. So, If you can I suggest heading out to Shell Creek Road or Carrizo Plain to have a look at all the wonderful wildflowers. My office hours this quarter will be: Tue 1-3PM and Thu 1-3PM either in person (47-36F) or Zoom using this link: 6247671135. Please stop by if you need any assistance or email me and we can set up an appointment.
The Cal Poly Isla Department presents...

Social Justice Film Festival

Obvious Child

Thursday, April 20 @5PM

Speaker: Dr. Kimberly Kelly
Mississippi State University, Chair Gender Studies and Professor of Sociology

Social Justice Film Festival 2023

When: Thursday, April 20th at 5PM
Movie: Obvious Child
On March 20 there was a sneak preview of the Short Cuts films at the Dexter Gallery. These are the films created by students in Professor Barros's class ISLA 341. It was a wonderful, full evening. The films will next be shown as part of the SLO International Film Festival.

The films will next be shown as part of the **SLO International Film Festival on April 27 at 6PM** at the historic Fremont Theatre. Tickets for students are $5. Come out and support your ISLA and STS colleagues. You can find out more about the films and purchase tickets here: [https://slofilmfest.org/events/calpolyshortcuts/](https://slofilmfest.org/events/calpolyshortcuts/)
A new WGQS faculty member, Dr. Alexia Arani, will be offering a new subtopic in WGQS 302 (Contemporary Issues in Queer Studies; meets GE upper-division D and USCP requirements) on the topic of Prison Abolition—a flyer about the class is attached.

For those of you who were thinking of taking WGQS 301, 305, or 325 next quarter, this new subtopic in WGQS 302 would be an excellent course substitution. Please also note that, even if you have already taken WGQS 302 once, you may take WGQS 302 a second time with this new subtopic for credit.
EVENTS

WOMEN IN NEWS

Join authors KATYA CENGEL and JULIA BRICKLIN for conversations, book signings & refreshments.
Moderated by Dr. Emily D. Ryalls, Professor of Media Criticism & Gender and Communication

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 2023
6:00-7:30 P.M.
UNIVERSITY UNION ROOM 220

Women in News Event, April 13th, 2023

Join Katya Cengel, author of From Chernobyl with Love, and author Julia Bricklin of Polly Pry, the woman who wrote the West for a conversation. book signings & refreshment. Moderated by
Dr. Emily D. Ryalls, Professor of Media Criticism & Gender and Communication. The event will take place Thursday, April 13th 2023 from 6:00-7:30PM in the UU Room 220.

Queer Healing & Transformative Justice Webinar

The upcoming Queer Healing & Transformative Justice webinar that will be held on Zoom Tuesday, April 11 from 4:30-6pm PST.
The virtual webinar brings together contributors to QED's new special issue on Queer Healing and Transformative Justice (currently open access until April 21!) Scholars, healers, artists, facilitators, organizers and activists will be in conversation about the social and political imperative of queer healing and its necessary links to movements for abolitionist transformation. This event is free and open to the public.

Zoom meeting ID: 842 7328 2700
Passcode: 977918

Upcoming Talk by Sonoma State Roboticist and Philosopher John Sullins

Abstract: In a world where social robots are becoming increasingly common, the ethical implications of their design cannot be ignored. Join us as we explore groundbreaking experiments that utilize the concept of inner speech found in psychology to create social robots with some glimmers of an ethical conscience. Giving users access to the inner dialog of the robot helps the users understand the conscience of the machine as it reasons through decisions as well as bringing to consciousness for the human users that there is an ethical problem that must be dealt with. We'll also discuss how this concept of inner speech plays a role in skilled moral reasoning, or what philosophers call phronesis, and its potential impact on the future of robotics in the context of elder care.

The talk will take place in Building 08 (BRAE) room 123, during the UU Hour (11:10 AM – 12 PM) on Thursday, April 20. The talk is funded through CLA lottery funds, with support from PHIL and CSSE.
April is Sexual Assault Action Month! - Take Back the Night Event

This year’s theme is “Resistance & Resiliency” to recognize the long-term commitment to social justice that this anti-violence movement requires, while also celebrating the resiliency of survivors in our community. Events include survivor healing craft events, therapy dogs, a Lunch & Learn dialogue about consent beyond sex, a community art project, and Denim Day. Our community will note the Cal Poly “P” painted teal for 2 weeks out of the month to bring attention to these events. The month culminates in our biggest night of the year!

Take Back the Night | Thursday, April 27, 5:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m. | UU Plaza

Take Back the Night is an international movement against sexual violence, with its own roots in San Luis Obispo since the 1980s. With a focus on uplifting survivors and building empowerment in community, this event will feature live music, catered food, art installations, local vendor and resource fairs, speakers from the local community, a solidarity march and end with a candlelight vigil. This event is made possible with generous support from ASI Events, Planned Parenthood, and the Career Services Diversity Funding Committee.

Other ways you can get involved and show your support:

Follow us on Instagram (@calpolysafer) to keep you updated on our calendar of events.
Promote our campaign with your networks! Download an email signature and Zoom background to show your support.

Visit Safer’s website for all event information. Thank you for being our amazing campus partners, and for continuing to engage with our programming and conversations about creating a campus free from gender- and power-based violence. We’re so excited to see you at some, or all, of our events for the month!
On behalf of our BioBreakthrough Conference Team, I am so excited to announce that COSAM is hosting the first student-led conference inspiring students to explore biotech innovation, research, and business with the long-term goal of establishing Cal Poly as the leading central coast location in biotech thought and opening students' eyes to career paths in biotech.

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Central Coast Performing Arts Scholarships

Hello students,

I wanted to share this local performing arts scholarship opportunity with you!

Overview:
Actor’s Edge, a Film & TV Acting Studio in San Luis Obispo, is excited to announce their 2nd annual Central Coast Performing Arts Scholarships for creative kids, teens, and adults.

Over $4000 worth of scholarships will be awarded to central coast performers of all ages.

**Deadline to apply:**

April 16th

**Purpose:**

We have seen first hand how much talent there is in the central coast and know that sometimes financially supporting creative endeavors can be difficult for artists. We hope these scholarships might be one small way to help support local talent.

**What you win:**

The majority of the scholarships are cash scholarships that winners can put towards the creative pursuits of their choice! Past winners have included local actors, dancers, musicians, improvisors, musical theater performers, filmmakers and more.

The grand prize winner will receive a full paid tuition scholarship to the Summer Film & TV Acting Program at Actor’s Edge in San Luis Obispo, as well as the opportunity to perform for entertainment industry professionals at their end of summer showcase in Los Angeles.

**Learn more and apply at:**

https://vf9zsq4w.pages.infusionsoft.net/

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**Nominations for HdM Exchange Programme Winter Semester 2023/2024**

Dear partners, colleagues and friends,

Spring greetings from Stuttgart!

We are already preparing for our Winter Semester 2023/2024 commencing in October 2023, and are ready for your next nominations.

Have you already checked out our International Magazine? You can read the online version of the second edition [here](#) to get some information for potential exchange students and inspiration for the next time you come to Stuttgart.

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO BE NOMINATED**

If you are unsure about the number of your students that we are able to host, please email our Incoming Exchanges Coordinator Laura Ryhänen at incomings@hdm-stuttgart.de

**HdM EXCHANGE PROGRAMME NOMINATION PROCESS** - Deadline 15 May 2023

Please ensure that you nominate your student/s by using this short survey (one survey per nominated student):
All nominations should comply with the number of students and fields of study stated in our partnership agreement. If you already nominated your students via email, please also submit this survey.

**BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG STIPEND NOMINATION PROCESS** - Deadline 15 May 2023

Should you wish to nominate one of your students for the Baden-Württemberg Stipendium scholarship, please find attached an additional form for this purpose. These nominations need to be received by us by the 15th of May 2023. Please nominate only one student for your institution.

The committee will award the stipends based on the home institution nomination information (academic and extracurricular merits, financial support needs etc).

You can find further information about the scholarship [here](#).

**STUDENTS' ONLINE APPLICATIONS** - Deadline 31 May 2023

After having received your nominations, and starting from first week of May, we will contact your students directly and send them a link to our online application portal. You will be copied into that email.

The list of the required support documents can be found on our website

[https://www.hdm-stuttgart.de/en/prospective_students/academic_programs/exchange_programs/online_application](https://www.hdm-stuttgart.de/en/prospective_students/academic_programs/exchange_programs/online_application)

**MINORS/STUDY PROGRAMMES** IN ENGLISH THAT ARE PLANNED FOR WINTER SEMESTER 2023/2024:

- Advertising
- App Design & Development
- Business Analytics
- Games Development
- Integrated Product Design
- International Publishing
- Journalism & Communication Management
- Media Creation & Management
- Print & Packaging
- Social Media & Management
- Storytelling

Each Minor is a set one semester long programme consisting of a minimum of 30 ECTS. Please note that each Minor is a fixed programme and it is not possible to select and combine courses from several Minors. We require a minimum certified English language level of B2. You can find out all about our Minors [here](#).
STUDIES IN GERMAN

In addition to our English-taught Minors, students with German language skills are welcome to join modules that are part of our regular degree study programmes. We require a minimum certified German language level of B2 (Bachelor level)/C1 (Master level).

http://www.hdm-stuttgart.de/studieninteressierte/bachelor

http://www.hdm-stuttgart.de/studieninteressierte/master

ACCOMMODATION APPLICATION - Deadline 31 May 2023

Hochschule der Medien does not own dormitories, and we are therefore part of the city-wide accommodation network of Studierendenwerk Stuttgart.

All nominated students (under 30 years old) will get a manual on how to apply. Students will live in halls of residence at Filderbahnplatz/Möhringen or in Esslingen.

ACADEMIC CALENDER

https://www.hdm-stuttgart.de/en/prospective_students/academic_programs/exchange_programs/academic_calendar

IMPORTANT: ONLINE INFO SESSION FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF – Thursday 27 April 2023, 4pm CEST

We will organise a virtual info session about studying abroad at Hochschule der Medien via Zoom on Thursday 27 April 2023 at 4pm (CEST). Please save the date, forward the information to your already nominated or potential future outgoing students and meet us under the following link:

ZOOM SESSION: HdM Information Session for Partners and Students

https://hdm-stuttgart-de.zoom.us/j/69919487035?pwd=cnNSVGw4cINhNXZzaZHCmdBT1ZmZz09

Meeting ID: 699 1948 7035

Code: 928311

CONTACT US

Please use the team address incomings@hdm-stuttgart.de for any questions you or your students might have. Please also forward this email to your colleague/s, if you are not responsible for outgoing nominations.

We cannot wait to welcome your students here in Stuttgart! The whole Team Sunshine is ready for them and so are our HdM Buddies.

Best wishes, beste Grüsse,

Hochschule der Medien International Office Team
Internship Opportunity at Cal Poly Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Message from Emily Olstad:

My name is Emily Olstad, and I'm a 4th-year M.A.S.T. minor. I work at the Cal Poly Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship as a social media and videography intern, and we're currently in the process of looking for new interns for when my cohort graduates this year. I wanted to share the job listings in the next STS newsletter, as I believe these positions would appeal to many students in the program.

Here are the job listings on Handshake:
PR and Digital Marketing Intern
Videographer Intern
Graphic Design Intern

These are open to first, second, and third year students. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions at eolstad@calpoly.edu
College Corps 2023/24 Program

Cal Poly is participating in a statewide service and career development program --- #CaliforniansForAll College Corps.

If you’re looking for a way to make a positive difference in the community and give back to others while exploring future career paths and building valuable skills, consider applying for the program. Through College Corps, Fellows will gain hands-on work experience with nonprofits or government agencies in San Luis Obispo focusing on climate action, K-12 education, or food insecurity. Plus, you’ll earn $10,000 (pre-tax) through a living
allowance ($7,000) in regular disbursements during your service plus an education award ($3,000) upon the completion of 450 service hours.

The program is open to full-time undergraduate students and applications received by March 17 will be given priority review.

Visit https://serviceinaction.calpoly.edu/information-about-college-corps for more details about the program and to make sure you qualify.
CALL FOR ACTORS!!!

SPRING '23 STAGED READING OF

Our Enemies: Lively Scenes of Love and Combat

by Yussef El Guindi

Seeking 7-8 actors for the following roles:

- Noor — (f) an aspiring novelist about to get her big break
- Gamal — (m) an aspiring novelist, struggling and angry about it
- Mohsen — (m) a successful writer, some would say a “sellout”
- Sheikh Alfani — (m) a Muslim community leader
- Hani — (m) Sheikh Alfani’s son
- Olivia — (f) editor at a major publishing house
- Earl / Russel / Father Carol — (m) TV host / publisher / priest

SYNOPSIS:
Struggling writer Gamal hates the way his fellow Arab-Americans represent their culture on American media. It’s easy enough to take out his frustration on literature superstar Mohsen and local mosque leader, Sheikh Alfani. But when his own girlfriend and novelist Noor gets an offer from a major publisher backed with a national media campaign, how will Gamal manage his frustration?

ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT:
Born in Egypt, raised in London and now based in Seattle, Yussef El Guindi’s work frequently examines the collision of ethnicities, cultures and politics that face Arab-Americans and Muslim Americans. El Guindi holds an MFA in playwriting from Carnegie-Mellon University, and has worked as a playwright at Silk Road Rising; literary manager for Golden Thread Productions; and playwright-in-residence at Duke University. He is the recipient of many honors, including the Steinberg/ATCA New Play Award and the 2010 Middle East America Distinguished Playwright Award.

Table read with the playwright: April 26th
Performance and talk-back: April 27th
Open to all Cal Poly students. No acting experience necessary. If interested, please email hbaki@calpoly.edu.

Call for Actors! Spring '23 Stage Reading of Our Enemies: Lively Scenes of Love and Combat

If interested, please email hbaki@calpoly.edu
PULSE is hosting a Holistic Wellbeing Workshop for graduate and undergraduate students in Spring 2023

PULSE, Cal Poly’s peer health education program, is hosting a brand-new Holistic Wellbeing Workshop this spring. **This workshop series that is geared to guide students through breathwork; explore vulnerability and openness with yourself and others; support with finding your boundaries; and an opportunity to cultivate a sense of calm in your life.**

The Holistic Well-being Workshop series is a student-run program that has been created in collaboration with professional staff at Campus Health & Wellbeing and is an **educational program** to share **tools** (mentally and physically) to cultivate awareness and goals around well-being. This is not a workshop run by Counseling Services.

In our 5-week program series, students will build community, eat free food, journal, and dive deep into the topics of Building Vulnerability, Discovering Identities, Noticing Your Relationships, Knowing Your Spaces and Limits, and The Wrap-up.

If you are interested in this program, please complete our interest form below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2wING578lUSVNx03nMoq5yQnQhMZxJVLqSzbjal1p4VUM0ZYVUdYT0gzTUo0MEZNM1NGRzVUNTRQiQlQCN0PWcu
Japanese American Archival Collection Research Fellows Program

The Sacramento State University Library is proud to announce the new Japanese American Archival Collection Research Fellows Program (JAAC RFP). The library will provide two fellowship of up to $3,000.00 for individuals or research teams who wish to use Sacramento State’s vast Japanese American Archival Collection (JAAC) for research or creative-end products relating to the Japanese American experience. First consideration will be given to undergraduate and graduates from the California State University (CSU) system. Depending on availability of funds, non-CSU students will be considered for a second round of deliberations. **Priority review begins on April 1, 2023.**

More information and the application can be found at [https://library.csus.edu/japanese-american-archival-collection/research-fellows-program](https://library.csus.edu/japanese-american-archival-collection/research-fellows-program).

Research Integrity through a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Lens Certificate Program

As part of efforts to re-focus Cal Poly's research integrity and compliance programs to emphasize how policy and procedures related to integrity have been put in place to address issues of inequitable research practices, Research Integrity and Compliance is going to be offering a certificate program for students in Winter and Summer quarters. The certificate program will be a hybrid program involving some minimal readings, videos, and cross disciplinary interactions between students as they discuss their projects and equity and diversity within their research and would meet bi-weekly. This first year will also be offering participation stipends to students of at least $150.

If you have students who may be interested, please forward this information along.
We are also looking at providing a version for faculty, although that version may be compressed into a few 2 or 4 hour sessions, or one or two 8 hour sessions.

If you or any of your students are interested, we have an interest collection form so we can directly contact interested folks.

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**Engineers Without Borders**

The Engineers Without Borders Kenya Team is starting a project to aid the market community of Masogo near the Kenyan city of Kisumu with a proposed water distribution project. This quarter, they will be conducting a remote community assessment to ensure that the proposed project is in line with the needs of the community. Students of all majors are welcome to come check out the team and join if interested! There are **weekly meetings on Mondays from 7-9pm at building 186 room C302** (186-C302). For questions, email ewbkenyacp@gmail.com.

[Read more >](#)
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

Join the STS Linkedin Page!

Please follow the Cal Poly STS Linkedin page. You can access this page through https://www.linkedin.com/company/science-technology-and-society-minors-cal-poly-sts/
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FACILITATOR
Ana Cabezas, Psy.D. &
Diana Menendez, Psy.D.

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839 1274 3816

WHEN
TUESDAYS AT 10:10 - 11:40 AM

A support group for BIPOC students to:

- Explore their intersecting identities
- Gain support through shared stories
- Build community and foster resilience

Last year we launched ROOTS (Reclaiming Our Origins Through Self-Exploration: A BIPOC Support Group): a space for BIPOC students to explore their intersecting identities and gain support through shared stories in the current political climate. ROOTS is support group that will be running Tuesdays at 10:10 - 11:40 AM. We have transitioned this service to be a drop-in community space. Students may access ROOTS at URL: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83912743816
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
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
* Do you know of any campus events relevant to STS?
* Do you have any cool research or projects you want to share with your peers?
* Or anything else relevant to the STS minors.

SHARE IT WITH US!
EMAIL US AT STS@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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