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# SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY

## WEEKLY NEWS 3/31

### NOTE FROM DR. RYALLS

Welcome back! I hope you had a fantastic Spring Break and are looking forward to the Spring quarter.

This quarter promises to be an interesting one as there are plenty of opportunities arising that will be of interest to STS Minors. The weekly STS newsletter will keep you up to date on information that is important for our minors.

My office hours this quarter will be Monday 2PM-4PM, Wednesday 11AM-1PM, and Thursday 10AM-12PM. During these times, we can meet in my office (52-D3) or via Zoom. Please be sure to schedule an appointment: <https://calendly.com/eryalls/dr-ryalls-s-office-hours>. 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.

As a reminder, Dr. Matthew Harsh is the interim STS Director while Dr. Kirby is on sabbatical. You can email Dr. Harsh (mharsh) with any STS related questions.



## 👋 MEET KEELY AND AKSHARA - YOUR ISLA STUDENT ASSISTANTS!

Hi everyone! I'm Keely, a fourth year ISLA major/STS minor. I am also the ISLA student assistant!

Hello! I'm Akshara, a second year ISLA major with a concentration in Ethics, Law and Social Justice!

We create these newsletters, run our ISLA social media, and support events throughout the quarter. We are also here as a resource for you — whether you have questions about the ISLA program, need help navigating course selection or declaring a concentration/minor, or want to get more involved in the ISLA community.

### ✉️ Our contact information:

Keely: [kfrobot@calpoly.edu](mailto:kfrobot@calpoly.edu)

Akshara: [amadabus@calpoly.edu](mailto:amadabus@calpoly.edu)

We'd love to hear from you — don't hesitate to reach out, connect, or say hi around campus!

# STS - RELATED CLUBS



The banner features a green background with a white border. On the left is a cartoon illustration of a brown and white mustang horse. To its right, the text "MUSTANG" is written in large, bold, dark blue letters, and "FILM SOCIETY" is written below it in the same style. To the right of the text is a yellow and black microphone. Below the horse is the Instagram logo, followed by the text "Instagram @mustangfilmsociety". Below that is an email icon, followed by the text "For more info contact erylalls@calpoly.edu". On the right side of the banner, there is a dark green rounded rectangle containing two yellow stars. The first star is followed by the text "CONNECT WITH PEERS INTERESTED IN FILM!". The second star is followed by the text "BUILD IMPORTANT INDUSTRY SKILLS!".

## MUSTANG FILM SOCIETY

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! This may be of interest to any MAST minor students.

If interested, please contact Dr. Emily Ryalls at [eyalls@calpoly.edu](mailto:eyalls@calpoly.edu) or follow the Instagram [@mustangfilmsociety](https://www.instagram.com/mustangfilmsociety)

# ENROLLMENT

# ES 470: LOS ANGELES: RACE, CULTURE, AND URBANIZATION



DIVISION OF THE BARRIOS & CHAVEZ RAVINE

**THIS COURSE INTRODUCES STUDENTS TO THE PHILOSOPHICAL AND HISTORICAL STUDY OF URBANIZATION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. BY LOOKING AT THE WORK OF SUCH VARIED FIGURES AS CHESTER HIMES, RAUL VILLA, AND HENRI LEFEBVRE WE WILL TAKE AN APPROACH THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE CONCEPTUAL RICHNESS OF URBAN EVERYDAY LIFE.**

**INSTRUCTOR:**  
**DR. GABRIEL SOLDATENKO,**  
**[GSOLDATE@CALPOLY.EDU](mailto:GSOLDATE@CALPOLY.EDU)**

**MEETING TIME:**  
**SPRING 2026**  
**MW 10:10 AM - 12 PM,**  
**38-114**

ES 470: Los Angeles: Race, Culture, and Urbanization (Spring 2026)

Looking for an upper-division elective? Join ES 470: Los Angeles: Race, Culture, and

**Urbanization**, taught by Dr. Gabriel Soldatenko in the Ethnic Studies Department. This course explores the history of Los Angeles—from its origins as a pueblo to its rise as a global metropolis—examining the social, political, and cultural forces that have shaped the city’s urban landscape and the communities who call it home.

Engaging with thinkers such as Chester Himes, Raul Villa, and Henri Lefebvre, students will explore race, space, and everyday life in Southern California through a philosophical and historical lens.

- 📍 Spring 2026
- 📅 MW 10:10 AM – 12:00 PM
- 📍 Building 38-114

This course is ideal for ES majors and minors in need of an upper-division related elective. Reach out to Dr. Gabriel Soldatenko ([gsoldate@calpoly.edu](mailto:gsoldate@calpoly.edu)) for more information.

## DATA ARE A FEMINIST ISSUE

“ Considers how inequality permeates all stages of data science. ”

“ Looks at many axes of inequity including race, gender, class, ability status, and more. ”

“ A data science that exposes and challenges power and the intersecting oppressions that result. ”

Come take Data Feminism (STAT 270) with Dr. Theobold on Tuesdays from 12-2



### Course Spotlight: Data Are a Feminist Issue (STAT 270)

*Data Are a Feminist Issue* explores how inequality is embedded in every stage of data science—from

data collection to analysis and interpretation. Using an intersectional framework, the course examines how power, race, gender, class, ability status, and other forms of inequity shape data and its real-world impacts. Interested in using data to challenge systems of oppression rather than reinforce them? **Enroll in Data Feminism (STAT 270) with Dr. Theopold, meeting Tuesdays from 12–2.**



CAL POLY  
Center for Engineering,  
Science & Mathematics Education

# SCM 302: learn by doing lab

**EARN COURSE CREDIT AND GET  
REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH KIDS!**

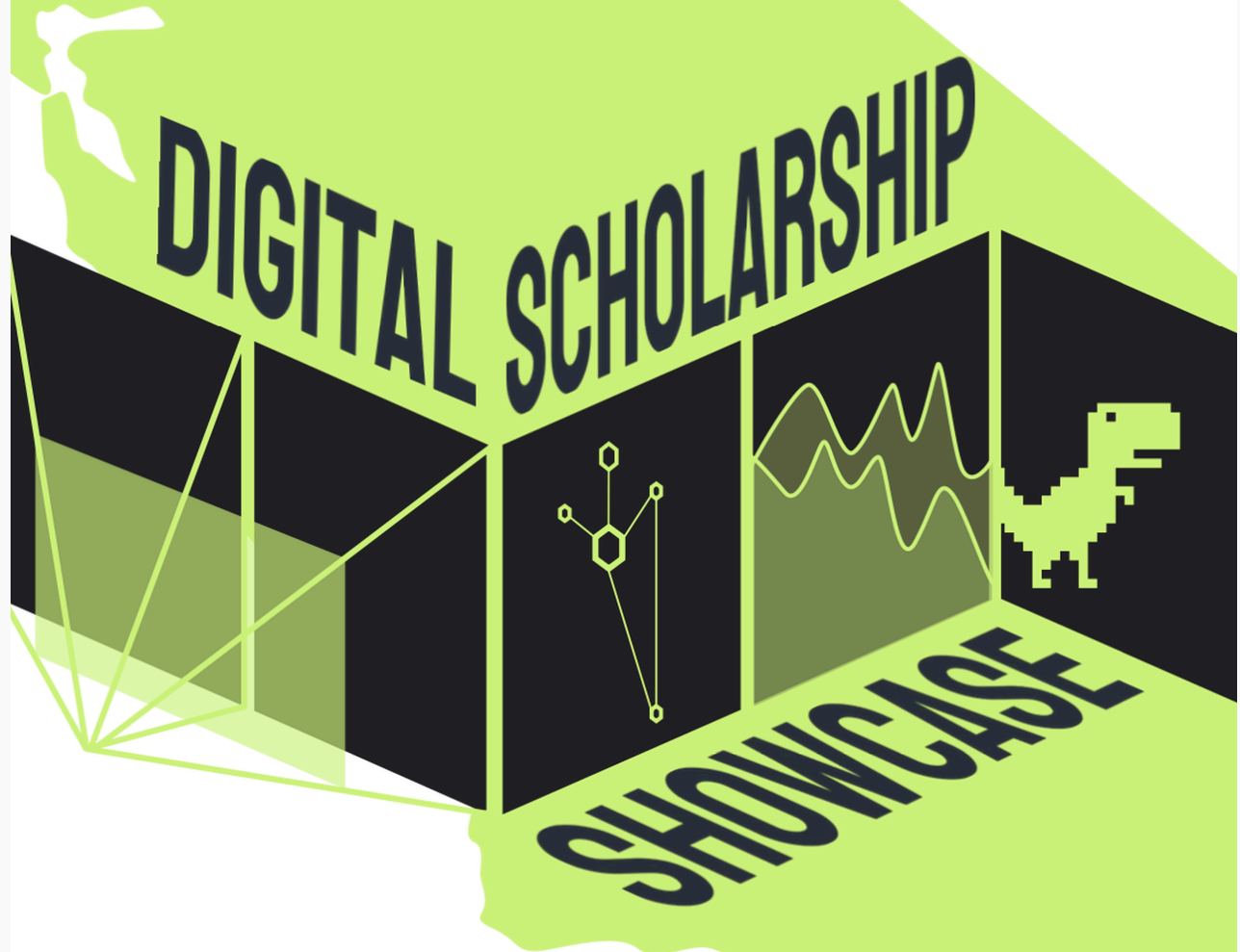


**LEARN MORE AT [CESAME.CALPOLY.EDU](https://cesame.calpoly.edu)**



**EVENTS**

Kennedy Library  
Digital Scholarship Studio



METHODS • TOOLS • PEDAGOGY

Project Gallery • Presentations • Networking

Register:



11am-12pm  
Thursday, April 9th, 2026  
Kennedy Library 35-103

## Digital Scholarship Showcase

Please join the Kennedy Library Digital Scholarship Studio/Digital Projects Lab for our inaugural Digital Scholarship Project Showcase on **Thursday, April 9th, 2026, at 11am-12pm** (UU hour). We hope that this will be the start of a yearly tradition of showcasing the creativity and collaboration happening across campus. Our goal is to provide a space where faculty, staff, and students from all disciplines who are interested in digital scholarship can connect through the library and get inspired. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Link to register [HERE](#):

# 2026 CHELSEA REDEKER MILBOURNE MEMORIAL



Chelsea Milbourne



Sophie Wang

## ZINES AS CRITICAL RESEARCH- MAKING

SCIENCE, ART, AND TRANSLATING RESEARCH  
INTO POLITICAL EDUCATION

**TUESDAY APRIL 14  
3:10 - 5:00 PM**

**HYBRID EVENT**

**IN-PERSON LOCATION: ATL  
MASKS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED**

**FOR ZOOM LINK REGISTER AT  
[BIT.LY/2026CMMEMORIAL](https://bit.ly/2026CMMEMORIAL)**

The Chelsea Redeker Milbourne Symposium honors former Cal Poly faculty member Chelsea Milbourne. Chelsea was a valued teacher, scholar, and member of the department of English and the Science, Technology, and Society (STS) Executive Committee. This symposium aims to preserve her legacy by featuring scholarly talks in the areas of technical communication, STS, and public science.

# SYMPOSIUM

## 2026 Chelsea Redeker Milbourne Memorial

Please join the Chelsea Redeker Milbourne Symposium as they honor former Cal Poly faculty member Chelsea Milbourne. Chelsea was a valued member of the Science, Technology, and Society Executive Committee. This symposium features scholarly talks such as "Zines as Critical Research-Making" and "Science, Art, and Translating Research into Political Education" to preserve her legacy at Cal Poly and honor her admirable contribution to student's education. This memorial is a hybrid event, and we welcome you to join us **Thursday, April 14 from 3:10-5:00 PM** in the **Advanced Technology Labs** (masks highly encouraged), or register for the zoom link [HERE](#).

# CAN YOU NARCAN?



**Tuesdays at 3:00-5:00pm**

**Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm**

 **HEALTH CENTER (BLDG. 27)**

**Interested in learning more about the life-saving benefits of  
Naloxone?**

**Training only takes 15 minutes!**

**Where else can you get Naloxone?**

**Naloxone, test strip refills and overdose prevention kits are also available  
by appointment.**

**Email [wellbeing@calpoly.edu](mailto:wellbeing@calpoly.edu) for more information or for group training  
inquiries.**

**Make an appointment here:**



 [ODPREVENTION@CALPOLY.EDU](mailto:ODPREVENTION@CALPOLY.EDU)

 **CAL POLY**  
Health Education  
CAMPUS HEALTH  
& WELLBEING

Opioid Overdose Prevention & Free Narcan Kits

Cal Poly's Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Prevention team is partnering with ISLA to support student safety and wellness. With fentanyl-related overdoses on the rise nationally and locally, it's more important than ever to know how to recognize an overdose and respond effectively.

Join the AOD for a brief, interactive training covering:

- How to identify an opioid overdose
- How to safely administer Narcan (Naloxone)
- How to access free Narcan + Overdose Prevention Kits

Students can pick up supplies at Building 27 (Health Center) or during weekly distributions:

**Tuesdays, 3–5 PM** and **Thursdays, 3:30–5:30 PM** on the Health Lawn.

Want us to come to your space for a distribution or presentation? We're happy to schedule a time that works for you!

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Cal Poly AI Ethics Lab (AI/EL)

The **Cal Poly Artificial Intelligence Ethics Lab (AI/EL)** is an interdisciplinary student–faculty partnership dedicated to exploring the ethical, legal, and social challenges posed by emerging AI technologies. The lab creates space for students to engage in meaningful discussions about AI ethics, examine the technical realities behind proposed solutions, and learn about current research in the field. AI/EL also offers opportunities to connect with faculty and explore future research and academic endeavors related to AI and society.

Students from all disciplines are welcome to get involved.

 [Email list sign-up](#) and [Discord invite](#)



## **Spring 2026 Workshops at the Digital Scholarship Studio**

**Apr 10 Intro to Git and Github**

**Apr 17 Data Discovery for Your GIS Project**

**Apr 23 Research Poster Design with Figma**

**Apr 30 Intro to Field Maps and GPS**

**May 7 Map Design and Cartography**

**May 15 Intro to Adobe Illustrator**

**May 21 Intro to Adobe Photoshop**

**May 28 Business Cards with Adobe InDesign**



Everyone is welcome!  
Details and registration:  
[guides.lib.calpoly.edu/DPL/workshops](https://guides.lib.calpoly.edu/DPL/workshops)

## Open Workshops at the Kennedy Library Digital Scholarship Studio!

The Kennedy Library Digital Scholarship Studio holds weekly open workshops to introduce basic computing, design, mapping, and visualization topics. These workshops do not require any prior experience, and we welcome beginners and experts from all disciplines.

Additionally, the Digital Scholarship Studio offers consultation support for students, staff, and faculty working on projects and research involving data, design, GIS, and data visualization. Appointment times can be found [here](#). Meetings take place in-person at the Digital Scholarship Studio on Level 1 of Kennedy Library, or on Zoom.

# NEW MUSTANG MAKERSPACE

## OPEN TO ALL CAL POLY STUDENTS!

### ABOUT US

A completely free space open to all students, regardless of major. No engineering experience necessary. Work on class projects, senior project,s or even personal projects!!

### OUR SERVICES

- 56 easy-to-use 3D printers
- Lasers for wood, acrylic, vinyl and more
- Embroidery and Sewing Machines

### LOCATION

In Bonderson,  
Building 197, Room 110



### HOURS

Fall Quarter, Weeks 2-7  
Mon-Fri: 10-7pm  
Sat: 9-6pm



### CONTACT INFO

Email:  
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Link to  
our  
website



MUSTANG MAKERSPACE

The Cal Poly Machine Shops (College of Engineering) are excited to welcome students to the **Mustang Makerspace**, located in **Bonderson (Building 197)**, next to **Mustang '60**. This free, all-major space is your go-to hub for digital fabrication, creativity, and hands-on learning.

Inside you'll find **56 3D printers (Bambu, Prusa, Elegoo, Formlabs, MarkForged)**, **4 laser cutters**, **an embroidery machine**, **an industrial Cricut vinyl cutter**, and **sewing machines**. Whether you're working on a class assignment, a senior project, or just a personal idea, the Makerspace has the tools to help bring your vision to life. No prior experience is needed—our shop techs are here to teach you, answer questions, and support your projects.

 **Winter Quarter Hours (Weeks 2–10):**

- Monday–Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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3D printers are open to everyone without training, but you'll need a **Red Tag Certification** for lasers and some other equipment. Learn more and sign up for trainings at [machineshops.calpoly.edu](http://machineshops.calpoly.edu).

 Questions? Email [calpolyshoptechs@gmail.com](mailto:calpolyshoptechs@gmail.com) |  Aero Hangar: (805) 756-2266 | Mustang '60: (805) 756-5634

Come explore, create, and make your ideas a reality—see you in the Makerspace!

## STUDENT SUPPORT

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Instagram:  
[@calpolycollegepossible](https://www.instagram.com/calpolycollegepossible)

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COLLEGE POSSIBLE AT CAL POLY

The College of Liberal Arts partners with **College Possible's Catalyze program** to connect students with near-peer success coaches. Coaches support academics, study skills, financial literacy, career exploration, wellness, and more.

Learn more by contacting **Multicultural Academic Advisor Alejandra Cebreros** at [alcebrer@calpoly.edu](mailto:alcebrer@calpoly.edu) or check out the attached infographic.



## **FINANCIAL AID FOR FOOD: GET UP TO \$250 A 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/](http://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](#) 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](#)



# SLO Solutions

## 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. For more information, click [here](#).



# Morning, Mustang

## MORNING, MUSTANG - NEWS SOURCE FOR CAL POLY STUDENTS

Carly Heztel, a second year journalism student, has published a news source for Cal Poly students that summarizes every day's most important campus, San Luis Obispo and California stories in two-minute emails. Carly is working in cooperation with the nonprofit College Brief to create accessible and relevant news for college students.

Read some of the stories [here](#).



## 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!

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