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# SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY

## WEEKLY NEWS 3/3

### NOTE FROM DR. RYALLS

Thanks to all of you who came out to support our 5th Annual Social Justice Film Festival! And, a special thanks to ISLA Professors, Dr. Attebery, Dr. Manzanares, and Professor Barros who shared their knowledge with us.

I'm incredibly excited to announce that two ISLA majors were selected to represent Cal Poly at the CSU-wide Student Research Competition at San José State next month! The jurors only chose 10 Cal Poly students to go forward, so for ISLA to make up 20% of those is an incredible achievement. Sarah Kula will be entering the undergraduate student category in the Humanities and Letters disciplinary area, and Kate Pallemmaerts will enter the undergraduate student category in the Social Sciences disciplinary area. If you see Sarah or Kate, be sure to tell them "congratulations!"

My office hours are Monday 2PM-4PM and Thursday 12PM-2PM. During these times, we can meet in my office (52-D3) or via Zoom. Please be sure to schedule an [appointment](#). 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.

 **MEET KEELY - YOUR ISLA/STS STUDENT ASSISTANT!**



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

I create these newsletters, run our ISLA & STS social media, and support events throughout the quarter. I'm also here as a resource for you — whether you have questions about your STS minor, need help navigating course selection, or want to get more involved in the STS community.

 **My contact information:**

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

## STS - RELATED CLUBS



# MUSTANG FILM SOCIETY



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



For more info contact  
[eryalls@calpoly.edu](mailto:eryalls@calpoly.edu)



CONNECT WITH PEERS  
INTERESTED IN FILM!



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)

## CAREERS & INTERNSHIPS

### Career & Internship Opportunities You Don't Want to Miss!



**Paid Summer Research Opportunity: CLA SURP (Summer 2026)**

Dr. Stina Attebery, a member of the ISLA Department, is leading a CLA Summer Undergraduate Research/Creative Activity Program (SURP) project for Summer 2026 and is seeking an

undergraduate student collaborator.

**Project: *New Metaphors for Artificial Intelligence***

This project examines how generative AI tools like ChatGPT are described using science-fiction metaphors and how those metaphors shape public understanding of AI. The selected student will help build a digital archive of AI discourse (2022–present), analyze media and marketing language, and write a reflective research analysis. Opportunities may also include conference presentation and exposure to academic publishing.

**Who can apply:** All CLA majors and/or minors (including Spring 2026 graduates)

**Fellowship:** \$3,500 (via Financial Aid)

**Deadline:** Friday, 3/6/26

 More information available on the [SURP website](#)

 Interested students are encouraged to reach out with questions

**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



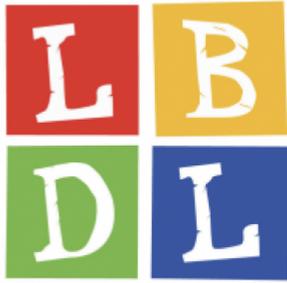
### Course Spotlight: Data Are a Feminist Issue (STAT 270)

*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  
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# SCM 302: learn by doing lab

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



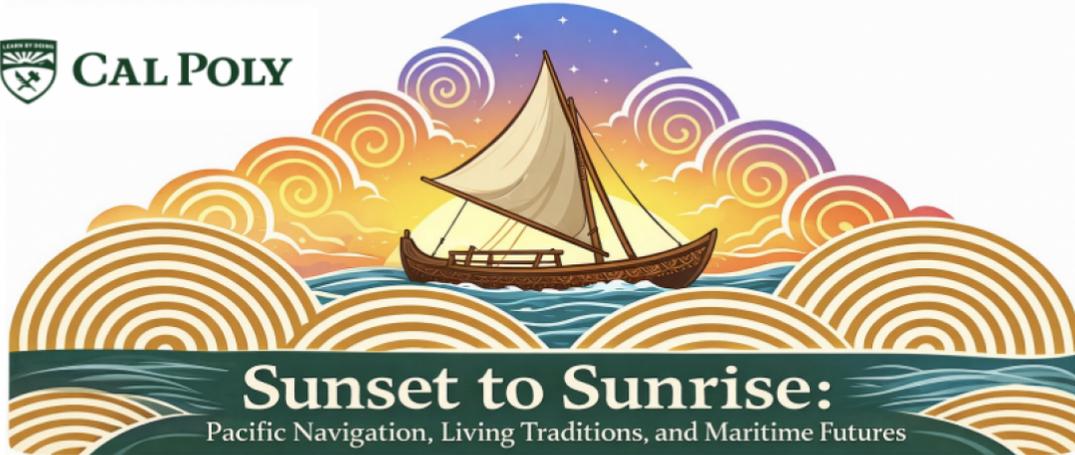
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# EVENTS



**CAL POLY**



## Sunset to Sunrise:

Pacific Navigation, Living Traditions, and Maritime Futures

*Presented by*

Cal Poly Strategic Initiatives and Advocacy

*In partnership with 500 Sails*

A cross-campus series bringing traditional Pacific voyaging knowledge into dialogue with maritime education, rooted in contemporary Oceania and the living continuum of ocean knowledge — from master navigators to emerging wayfinders.

Presented in partnership with 500 Sails, Cal Poly welcomes Grand Master Navigator Sesarío Sewralur and Master Navigators Jun Coleman, Cecilio Raiukiulipi, and Mario Benito from the Northern Mariana Islands. Representing island lineages within the Weriyang tradition of Micronesia, these navigators carry forward rigorous systems of star-based navigation, canoe building, apprenticeship, and ceremonial initiation that have sustained ocean voyaging for generations.

Through interactive dialogues, a keynote lecture, a traditional canoe ceremony, & an evening conversation with four navigators, participants will encounter ocean knowledge as living practice—gaining insight into the discipline, observation, and judgment required to read winds, swells, and stars. In the Blue Continent, such knowledge is transmitted across generations as cultural stewardship, guiding contemporary Oceania while drawing from ancestral foundations.

### Program :

Cal Poly SLO		Cal Poly Maritime	
March 5 11 – 12:30 pm ATL	The Blue Continent I: Past to Present, interactive dialogue with Pedru Perez, Canoe Builder and 500 Sails Co-founder.	March 16 TBD	Launching of the Canoes: A Traditional Canoe Ceremony with Navigators of the Northern Mariana Islands.
March 5 3-4:30 pm ATL	Traditions of Our Past Are Viable Solutions for Our Future, a lecture by Emma Perez, 500 Sails Co-founder, with an introduction by the Cal Poly Hui Haumana student group.	March 16 5-6 pm Compass Room	Beyond the Horizon: A Conversation with Master Navigators. Opening remarks by Jun Coleman followed by breakout discussions with Navigators.
March 6 11-12:30 pm 192-106	The Blue Continent II: Navigating from Present to Future, continuing interactive dialogue with Pedru Perez, Canoe Builder and 500 Sails Co-founder.	March 16 6-7pm Compass Room	Reception with Navigators

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



**Sponsors:** Cal Poly AANHPI Initiatives, Bailey College of Science & Mathematics, Center for Institutional Excellence, College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences, College of Engineering, College of Liberal Arts, Office of Research, International Center, Strategic Enrollment Management & Student Affairs  
**Organizers:** Dr. Dawn Neill, Meagan Nance  
**Contributors:** Dr. Bets McNie, Dr. Sarah Senk, Megan Rivoire, Allie Walter, Cal Poly Agricultural Engineering Society



## **Sunset to Sunrise: Pacific Navigation, Living Traditions, and Maritime Futures**

Join Cal Poly for **Sunset to Sunrise**, a cross-campus series bringing traditional Pacific voyaging knowledge into dialogue with maritime education and contemporary Oceania. Presented in partnership with **500 Sails**, this series features Grand Master Navigator **Sesario Sewralur** and Master Navigators **Jun Coleman, Cecilio Raiukilupiy, and Mario Benito** from the Northern Mariana Islands.

Through interactive dialogues, lectures, a traditional canoe ceremony, and an evening conversation, participants will explore ocean knowledge as a living practice—rooted in ancestral traditions of reading winds, swells, and stars, and carried forward by generations of navigators.

 Events take place **March 5–6 at Cal Poly SLO** and **March 16 at Cal Poly Maritime**

 See the full program and event details on the flyer

All are welcome!

A **FREE** DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

Open to Cal Poly students, staff,  
and SLO community members!

# THE CIGARETTE



# SURFBOARD

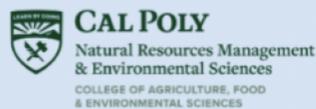
**06**  
**MARCH**

4:00-7:00PM  
Building 180,  
Room 101



RSVP  
to reserve  
your ticket!

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COMMISSION'S WHALE TAIL GRANT

Learn more at: [thecigarettesurfboard.com](http://thecigarettesurfboard.com) | [@thecigarettesurfboard](https://twitter.com/thecigarettesurfboard)

 Free Documentary Screening: *The Cigarette Surfboard*

Join the Surfrider Foundation for a **free screening of *The Cigarette Surfboard***, an eye-opening documentary that follows surfers as they trace cigarette waste from the shoreline back to its source—uncovering the environmental and social impacts of one of the world’s most common pollutants.

 **March 6**

 **4:00–7:00 p.m.**

 **Building 180, Room 101, Cal Poly**

Open to Cal Poly students, staff, and the SLO community. Co-hosted by campus and community partners including the Surfrider Foundation (Cal Poly Club), and presented by the California Coastal Commission through its Whale Tail Grant program.

 **Free—RSVP required.**

Perfect for anyone interested in ocean conservation, environmental justice, sustainability, or documentary filmmaking.

# 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**  
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**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](#)

### Survey Support

As part of an Intro to Entrepreneurship course project, a Cal Poly student team is conducting research to validate a potential student-focused product idea. They've created two brief surveys—each only a few minutes long—to better understand student needs and experiences. Your responses

will provide valuable insights that support their class project.

[Survey 1](#)

[Survey 2](#)

Participation is voluntary, and all input is greatly appreciated!



## Winter 2026 Open Workshops at the Digital Scholarship Studio

Jan 9 Intro to Git and Github

Jan 15 Intro to Figma

Jan 16 Intro to R and RStudio

Jan 22 Contours for Architecture

Jan 30 Intro to StoryMaps and GIS

Feb 6 Map Design and Cartography

Feb 13 Poster Layouts with InDesign

Feb 20 Intro to Adobe Illustrator

Feb 27 Intermediate Figma

March 6 Research Synthesis



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 projects, 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**

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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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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.



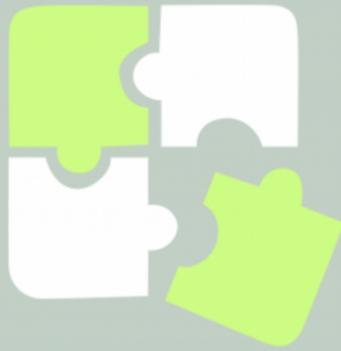
## FINANCIAL AID FOR FOOD: GET UP TO \$250 A MONTH FOR GROCERIES

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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