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 sts@calpoly.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ISLA Course Offering ~ Innovation and Sustainability

There is a new course being offered this Fall that would be appropriate for many STS students. It is scheduled for MW 12:10-2. Please let Dr. Kirby know if you are interested in taking the course and we can discuss a potential substitution into your minor.

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.
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

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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.

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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!
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.
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 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 patients (https://www.thepinkhousefund.com/who-we-are) patients.
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://ufei.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 (africker@calpoly.edu), and Dr. Jonathan Ventura (jventu09@calpoly.edu).
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
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. Whether you are a student looking to get involved, or a community member seeking support, Engineers Without Borders is dedicated to making a positive impact through sustainable engineering solutions.
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.

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**STUDENT SUPPORT**

**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/
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.
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](http://calfreshcalpoly.org) 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](http://instagram.com/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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