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Employment

Employment Opportunities

For all available job openings, visit jobs.calpoly.edu. All new positions opened this week are listed below. Current employees can also find job postings at <https://careers.calstate.edu/>, an internal job site for CSU employees. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

#498627 — Energy and Sustainability Manager (Administrator I), Administration and Finance – Facilities Management and Development. Salary commensurate with the background and experience of the individual selected. Open until filled.

Team Working on Cross-Disciplinary Data Science and Analytics Effort

A group of faculty from all six colleges is working to support collaborative data-driven, cross-disciplinary research and to expand on-campus educational opportunities in the areas of data science, data analytics and data literacy. The team hopes to engage a broad group of stakeholders to envision a Cal Poly that embraces “data science for all” in a way that supports innovative faculty research and enhances student development and learning. The team also emphasizes “data for good” as a guiding principle, ensuring that ethical concerns — about the creation and use of data, as well as the imperatives to increase diversity, equity and inclusion — are infused throughout their efforts. An important aspect of the initiative is to ensure that all students have the opportunity to be trained in data science and analytics. Renee Reijo Pera, Cal Poly’s vice president for Research, Economic Development and Graduate Education, said, “Cal Poly has an opportunity to be a global leader in data science and analytics based on the excellent work our campus is already doing. This group is seizing on this opportunity and using a Learn by Doing approach to constantly improve and expand our work in these fields.” Read more at https://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2021/january/research.html.

Jafra Thomas Receives Hally Beth Poindexter Young Scholar Award

Jafra Thomas, assistant professor in the Kinesiology and Public Health Department, received the 2021 Hally Beth Poindexter Young Scholar Award from the National Association for Kinesiology in Higher Education (NAKHE). The award recognizes the contributions of an early-career faculty member whose scholarship focuses on interdisciplinary issues facing kinesiology, physical education or general higher education. It is named in honor of Poindexter's contributions to mentoring early-career faculty and promoting equity in physical activity, especially for girls and women in sports. The award-winning paper was co-authored by biology major Akuekegbe Uwadiale and kinesiology major Nikki Watson. The students' research was supported by Cal Poly's 2019-20 BEACoN Program Research Mentoring Fund.

New Tent on Mustang Way Creates Increased Outdoor Living Areas During Winter

An 1,800-square-foot tent has been placed on Mustang Way in an effort to further support student success throughout the pandemic during winter quarter. It can accommodate around 50 people. This expanded outdoor space provides students with a new place to study, attend virtual classes, eat and responsibly socialize outside of their residence. It will provide additional shelter during inclement weather or can be used for shade on sunny days. The tent has clear ceiling panels to let the light in during the day as well as to see the stars at night. For nighttime use, the tent is strung with fairy lights to provide light and a cozy glow. Horticulture students are planning to add plants into the covered living space. A number of individuals worked on the extensive permitting process over the holiday break to create this space. The planning and execution was a collaborative effort with Andrea Burns and Mike Thornton of Cal Poly Corporation; Anthony Palazzo, Donald Popham and Jude Fledderman of Facilities Management and Development; Daren Connor of ASI; Marlene Cramer of Public Safety; Michele Winterfeldt of Strategic Business Services; and members of the Facility Maintenance team, who helped with the electrical and tent placement.

Do-It-Yourself Video Captioning Training for Campus Members

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) offers monthly DIY video captioning trainings via Zoom for faculty, staff and/or their student assistants. The next training will be held from 3-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. Attendees will learn how to use various automated transcription tools to create accurate closed captions for videos uploaded to YouTube. Email John Lee at jlee245@calpoly.edu to reserve a spot in one of these training sessions and to request accommodations as needed. Lee will email you the Zoom link for the training session you request. This training session will have live captions and transcripts available.

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Cal Poly Foundation Board Meeting to be Held Feb. 6

The Cal Poly Foundation board of directors meeting will be held virtually beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. For more information, contact the Cal Poly Foundation office at ext. 6-7147 or calpolyfoundation@calpoly.edu.

Kennedy Library's Virtual Programs Come Up Big for Students in the Pandemic

To support remote teaching and learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, the organizers of Kennedy Library's Foundational Experiences workshops transitioned all its content on topics like research, data visualization and imagery to virtual live, synchronous sessions that continue to champion Cal Poly's Learn by Doing philosophy. Using Zoom meetings and leveraging features like polling, chat and breakout rooms, each workshop offers an engaging and collaborative experience to meet the needs of diverse learners. "We wanted to create a live workshop experience for the students virtually as well as we could," said Kaila Bussert, the library's foundational experiences librarian. "It was especially important for us to provide meaningful interactions for the students and give them the opportunity to participate and work together." Read more at <https://www.calpoly.edu/news/weve-made-best-out-difficult-situation-kennedy-librarians-virtual-programs-help-students-succeed>.

'Exploring Whiteness' Series Starts Jan. 20

The Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology (CTLT) and Office of University Diversity and Inclusion invite faculty and staff to sign up for the co-sponsored series "Exploring Whiteness," a program inspired by Building Anti-Racist White Educators (BARWE). The BARWE curriculum offers opportunities for white educators to work toward anti-racist practices. Over the course of five sessions, participants will explore whiteness, its influence on our personal and professional lives, and work on developing anti-racist practices. This five-session program will take place Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m., from Jan. 20 and through Feb. 17 via Zoom. Questions? Contact Ryan Adserias in OUDI (radseria@calpoly.edu) or Sarah Macdonald in CTLT (smacdo05@calpoly.edu). To register, visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1R0j0vk0UDllur9Wu4BG61rkpGphsZa_i4pSOb5vQ354/viewform?edit_requested=true

Call for Proposals for New Instructionally Related Activities

The Instructionally Related Activities Advisory Committee has announced the Call for Proposals for fiscal year 2021-22 for any activities seeking first-time recognition. An Instructionally Related Activity (IRA) is an extracurricular "out-of-class experience" that provides enrichment to students and enhances their learning at Cal Poly. Note that IRA funds cannot be used to fund specific projects or field trips as part of an academic course. Workshops to help you prepare the forms are available. Forms, instructions, dates and times for preparation workshops and other relevant information can be found at <http://www.academicprograms.calpoly.edu/content/IRA/index>. Proposals for new IRAs are due to the college deans by Feb. 5. The call for continued recognition for currently recognized IRAs will go out separately in early February and are due in March.

Own a Home Within Walking Distance of Campus

A beautifully (no hyphen) appointed home is on sale at Bella Montana. The 1,029-square-foot home at 555-B Paseo Bella Montaña (La Cumbre), is full of amenities. The two-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bathroom home has convenient indoor laundry space, a spacious one-car garage, a beautiful deck for outdoor living, attractive baths and energy-saving appliances. Surrounded by beautiful coastal foothills, Bella Montana offers an opportunity to own a home in San Luis Obispo. The surrounding location offers an enhanced lifestyle as homeowners enjoy more time for the things they love. The home is located in a 5.3-acre planned housing community that was crafted with Cal Poly employees and their families in mind. Bella Montana encompasses 69 individually owned homes on Highland Drive near iconic Highway 1, close to campus, shops and many restaurants. Learn more at <https://bellamontanahomes.com/available-homes>.

Retirements

The College of Liberal Arts would like to recognize and congratulate the following retirees who were not previously featured in the Cal Poly Report: **Rocio Alvear**, administrative support coordinator I, Communication Studies Department (31 years, eight months of service); **Stephen Ball**, professor, Philosophy Department (37 years of service); **Susan Bratcher**, analyst, English Department (17 years, six months of service); **Whitney Haas**, administrative support coordinator II, Art and Design Department (15 years, two months of service); **Sherrie Miller**, administrative support assistant II, History Department (20 years, three months of service); **Erma Stauffer**, lecturer, Communication Studies Department (18 years, nine months of service); and **Michael Winn**, lecturer, Communication Studies Department (19 years, three months of service).