

CAL POLY JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT
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- Cal Poly Journalism **professors Bill Loving and Brady Teufel** won the Best Paper Award for a paper they co-authored and presented at the recent Organization of Social Science and Behavioral Research International Conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

- The Journalism Department faculty and staff are holding a **winter planning retreat** on January 6 to make sure that Winter quarter unfolds smoothly for all students, and that department administrative procedures and processes are in place to help ensure student success.

- All Journalism students are encouraged to attend the **Cal Poly Diversity Colloquium** on February 6 in the PAC from 5 PM to 7:30 PM. Find details at: <http://grci.calpoly.edu/promos/diversity.html>

- On Thursday, February 23, 11:00 AM – 12 PM, there will be a Journalism Department **Advisory Board webinar** informing the board of department progress, achievements, issues, and plans. Students are invited to “tune in” to hear firsthand about department developments.

- Did you know that some of Cal Poly’s **Journalism alumni are among the most successful in the profession**? You see some of them on national TV news almost nightly. Some are publishing executives. Here are just a few examples. There are many more.

Michele Franzen, National Correspondent, NBC News
Conan Nolan, Anchor NBC4 Los Angeles and NBC Universal
Dorothy Newell, Producer, NBC Dateline
Tracey Ozmina, Executive Vice President, Sage Publications
Michela O’Connor Abrams, President, Dwell Media
David Kerley, National Correspondent, ABC News

- **Faculty Recruitments are underway** for two new full-time, tenure track, faculty members, one specializing in multimedia headed by professor Richard Gearhart and the other in public relations headed by Professor Bill Loving. We hope to have candidates on campus this quarter or next, and students will be invited to hear presentations and provide comments.

- **Internship reorganization is underway** and headed by Professor Teresa Allen. Through this process we hope to develop new internships, better assess the effectiveness of present internships, and provide students with internships

representing the most relevant and contemporary practices in the journalism profession.

- **Curriculum reform is occurring** in the Journalism Department. Headed by professors Richard Gearhart and Brady Teufel, the end of this academic year will result in a journalism curriculum designed to educate students with knowledge and skills reflecting the professions needs today and in the future.

- Journalism Department technical support staff **Michael Pershall and Velanche Stewart** were hard at work over the break preparing and improving the department laboratories involving broadcast and computer technology.

- We are all thinking good thoughts for Journalism Department Administrative Assistant **Tess Serna Ramirez** for her recovery and return to the department. We also express **great appreciation to Emily Emanuel** for stepping in and providing the department with a high level of professional services in Tess' absence.

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