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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Graduate Students,

We at Berkeley are often called upon to make the case for graduate education to the legislature, to the public and to governmental agencies. We know that graduate education is crucial to the state and nation, but not everyone is as aware of this fact.

In making the case, we often talk about the research discoveries and innovations that contribute to the economic engine of California and the nation. What we talk less about is the equally important contribution that graduate education makes to the social infrastructure of the state. Not only do we train the future leaders in education, public health, social welfare, government, and the law, but when Californians invest in graduate education, they energize communities throughout the state.

Consider Y-PLAN (Youth-Plan, Learn, Act, Now!), an award-winning collaborative project in which UC Berkeley graduate students in urban planning, design, and education engage at-risk high school students as genuine stakeholders and participants in local planning projects. Y-PLAN has been working for five years with local Bay Area high schools such as McClymonds High School in West Oakland. The students' "client" this past spring was a leading nonprofit housing developer, BRIDGE and several local community organizations seeking to rebuild the historic 16th Street Central Train Station. Students worked with nearby residents, community groups, the Randolph Institute, and the Wood Street Project/Central Station development companies.

A survey of our graduate programs three years ago revealed that graduate students were involved in more than 80 different community outreach efforts, from suitcase optometry to immigration law clinics. This year, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, that number may be even higher.

Graduate students — you — do make a difference.

Mary Ann Mason
Dean of the Graduate Division

TIPS ON FILING

Filing for your degree in May?

If you are planning on filing for your degree this semester, here are several suggestions that can make the filing go more smoothly. The deadline to file for a **May** degree this year is **May 19**.

If you have any questions about the format of your manuscript, you can bring a draft to the Graduate Degrees office in 302 Sproul Hall for review. We are happy to help you identify any major problems with the format, paper stock used for the library copy, margins, type size, and page numbering. Our guidelines document (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/degrees/pdf/disguide.pdf>), has all of the information on format, but sometimes having another set of eyes to review the manuscript is helpful.

If you plan more than incidental use of your own previously published or co-authored material in your manuscript, you must have prior permission from the Dean of the Graduate Division. You must also provide signed written statements from each co-author and publisher granting you permission to use and reproduce the material as part of your dissertation. Please note that emails giving permission will not be accepted.

The name you list on your title page must match your official registered student name. Check Bear Facts (<https://sis.berkeley.edu/bearfacts/>) in time to submit an official request for a name change with the Office of the Registrar if that is needed.

You must list any previously received degrees that appear on your Berkeley transcript (check Bear Facts for the listed degrees). If any degrees are not currently on your Berkeley transcript, you will need to have original, official transcripts showing award of the degree sent to the Degrees office about two weeks before you plan to file. The Degrees office will review the transcripts and make a formal request to the Office of the Registrar to add appropriate degrees.

The members of your dissertation committee listed on your title page must match what is on file in the Graduate Division. If your committee has changed since you advanced to candidacy, be sure to file a Request for Change in Higher Degree Committee form (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/degrees/pdf/Recon.pdf>) at least two weeks before you plan to file.

To be eligible to file your thesis or dissertation, you must be registered for this semester, or have an approved filing fee status.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

(<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/fellowships/>)

Dr. and Mrs. James C. Y. Soong Fellowship

This fellowship for 2006–2007 is open to graduate students from Taiwan who are enrolled full time in any field of study at UC Berkeley. Students must: 1) have graduated from a fully accredited four-year college or university in Taiwan with a GPA of 3.7 (A-) or higher; 2) be a citizen of the Republic of China and have lived in Taiwan consecutively for at least ten years; and 3) have demonstrated financial need in pursuit of advanced degrees. The fellowship may be renewed one time. Each department may nominate one student who meets these criteria. Applications are available online (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/fellowships/pdf/soong.pdf>). Submit nominations to the Graduate Fellowships Office, 316 Sproul Hall, by **4 p.m. Monday, April 10, 2006**.

Guru Gobind Singh Fellowship

This fellowship is intended for graduates of universities in specific areas of India and Pakistan who are currently pursuing graduate degrees at UC Berkeley. To be eligible, a student also must be committed to returning to his or her country of origin after receiving the graduate degree and must not have engaged previously in graduate study at any other institution of higher learning in the U.S. Students at any stage of graduate study may be nominated, but preference is given to those holding the master's degree, and particularly those who have reached the dissertation stage and have exhausted the normal sources of financial support. The fellowship will provide \$26,000 for 2006–2007. For more information, contact Shaya Kahali in the Graduate Fellowships Office, 316 Sproul Hall (shaya@berkeley.edu). The deadline to submit applications is **4 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 2006**.

Albert Newman Fellowship for Visually Impaired Students

Basic aspects of this fellowship are these:

- Applicants must be substantially visually impaired (documented by the Disabled Students Program, located in 260 Cesar Chavez Student Center, voice 642-0518, TTY 652-6376, fax 643-9686).
- Award will be based on scholastic achievement.
- Applicants must be registered for spring 2006 (and in fall 2006 when they receive the award).

Completed application (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/fellowships/pdf/newman.pdf>) and supporting documents should be submitted to the Graduate Fellowships Office, 316 Sproul Hall #5900, Berkeley, CA 94720-5900. The deadline for applying is Wednesday, April 19, 2006.

Intercampus Travel Grants

Awards, generally budgeted at \$1,000, are available to help graduate students and postdoctoral researchers initiate UC intercampus collaborations with individual researchers or with existing or potential research groups on projects related to the goals of the UC Toxic Substances Research and Teaching Program. Graduate students who will interact with research groups are encouraged to gather preliminary data that will provide the basis for future extramural funding. Currently registered students and postdoctoral fellows in any UC graduate program are eligible. Proposals will be accepted anytime throughout the 2005–2006 academic year. Full information is available online (http://tsrtp.ucdavis.edu/funded_projects/current.rfp/Travel_RFP.html). **Note:** These grants are not available for travel to scientific meetings.

DEADLINES, EVENTS, AND WORKSHOPS

(<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/nav/calendar.shtml>)

Note: Check other headings for category-specific dates, such as fellowship application deadlines.

APRIL 10 (Monday)

“My Way from Depression to Happiness: Three Grad Students Share Their Stories”

A panel discussion with students from the sciences, law, and social welfare

4 to 5:30 p.m., Tan Oak room, fourth floor, Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union — Refreshments will be provided. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentations. Sponsored by the Cal_STEPS Depression Awareness and Suicide Prevention Project (of Counseling and Psychological Services) and the Graduate Student Support Services Project (of the Graduate Assembly).

APRIL 11 (Tuesday)

“China Syndrome: the 21st Century’s First Great Epidemic”

5:30 to 7:30 p.m., library of North Gate Hall, Hearst at Euclid Avenue — **Karl Taro Greenfield**, editor-at-large of *Sports Illustrated* and former editor of *Time* magazine’s Asian edition, will discuss *China Syndrome*, his new book, which tracks the initial outbreak of, and world response to, SARS. A China Initiative event presented by the Graduate School of Journalism and the Institute of East Asian Studies.

APRIL 11 (Tuesday)

Documentary screening: “Jonestown: the Life and Death of the People’s Temple”

7 to 9 p.m., room 105, North Gate Hall, Hearst at Euclid Avenue — Director **Stanley Nelson** and producer **Marcia Smith** will be on hand for this showing of their documentary, which uses never-before-seen archival footage, home movies, and survivor interviews to tell the story of the people who followed Jim Jones from Indiana to California and, finally and fatally, to the remote jungles of Guyana, in a quest to build an ideal society.

APRIL 12 (Wednesday)

“The Power of Paralanguage in Teaching”

2 to 5 p.m., 145 Dwinelle — **Kendall Zoller**, independent consultant, former director of the Center for Mathematics and Science Education at CSU-Sacramento. This interactive session explores ways to communicate that are beyond the inherent limits of language — voice patterns, gestures, your eyes, and where you are. Learn the specific skills that impact student behavior, become aware of the skills you already have and can build on, practice them in the context of teaching. Unsolicited raves from prior attendees: “Of all the teaching workshops I’ve attended over the last five years, this was the most useful....I left the workshop with my head brimming with specific new ideas to try out in my teaching, and the confidence that they would work.” — *GSI, Astronomy*. “It was great, very helpful and hands-on.” — *GSI, Linguistics*.

APRIL 13 (Thursday)

“Dangerous Doses: How Counterfeiters Are Contaminating America’s Drug Supply”

6 to 8 p.m., library of North Gate Hall, Hearst at Euclid Avenue — Investigative journalist **Katherine Eban** tells a troubling tale of the ways stolen, counterfeit, and contaminated medicines are turning up on the shelves of American hospitals and pharmacies and endangering patients. Presented by the Graduate School of Journalism and the Knight Program for Science and Environmental Journalism.

APRIL 14 (Friday) and APRIL 15 (Saturday)

2006 Breslauer Graduate Student Symposium: “The Right to the City and the Politics of Space”

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Friday) and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Saturday)., Townsend Center, Geballe Room, 220 Stephens Hall — Established in 2001, this annual one-day International and Area Studies conference supports and showcases the research of graduate students, primarily from UC Berkeley, on an internationally relevant theme, related to solutions of real-world problems. The research this year examines struggles for shelter and livelihood, competing claims to land, and the politics of space, from a range of perspectives and methodologies, cutting across the analytical and geopolitical domains of First and Third Worlds. **Don Mitchell**, chair of the geography department at Syracuse University, is the keynote speaker. The symposium is free and open to the public. More information is available online (<http://dcrp.ced.berkeley.edu/breslauer/>).

APRIL 15 (Saturday)

Deadline for submission to the Anamorphosis Film Festival

Documentary films that are focused on aspects of culture and humanity, made by students, are eligible for entry. Anamorphosis is the first annual ethnographic film festival at UC Riverside, hosted by the Student Association of Graduate Anthropologists. Students of all disciplines are encouraged to submit films and attend the conference proceedings. Submissions should include a DVD, VHS, or mini-DVD copy of the work with a text-format abstract (200 words or less, including the length of the film). More information is available by email (afilmfest@gmail.com).

APRIL 17 (Monday)

Workshop — “Surviving the Dissertation: How to get from ABD to Ph.D.”

4 to 5:30 p.m., Tilden Room, 5th floor, Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union — Getting started, understanding and managing procrastination, dealing with writer’s block, how to finish. No reservation required. Sponsored by the Graduate Support Services Project of the Graduate Assembly and Student Counseling Services of University Health Services. More information is available by email (anberg@calmail.berkeley.edu).

APRIL 17 (Monday)

“The Omnivore’s Dilemma: a Natural History of Four Meals”

Reception, 6 p.m., Bank of America Forum, Haas School of Business; presentation, 7 to 9 p.m., Anderson Auditorium, Haas School of Business — What should we have for dinner? According to **Michael Pollan**, a professor in the Graduate School of Journalism, the answer may determine our survival as a species. Fast-food burger? Something organic? Should we hunt, gather, or grow it ourselves? What’s at stake may be not only our health and that of our children, but the environment that sustains life on earth. A book signing follows the event, which is presented by the Graduate School of Journalism and the Knight Program for Science and Environmental Journalism.

APRIL 19 (Wednesday)

Graduate Student Wine and Cheese Social

6 to 9 p.m., Berkeley Art Museum, 2626 Bancroft Way (between College Avenue and Bowditch Street) — Celebrate spring in California, enjoy live jazz, delicious wine and cheeses with graduate students from all departments on the terrace of the art museum. Admission is \$3. Two IDs required: UC Berkeley plus proof that you’re 21 or over. Each student may bring up to two guests. Presented by the Graduate Social Club.

APRIL 20 (Thursday)

Workshop on Teaching — “Teaching and the Academic Job Search”

Noon to 1:30 p.m., location to be announced — Presented by the GSI Teaching and Resource Center.

APRIL 20 (Thursday) and 21 (Friday)

Workshop series — “Do You Have My Back?”

Time and place to be announced — Purpose: bridging communication barriers between white women and women of color on this campus. Issues to be addressed include: why we don’t stand up for each other in professional, community, and academic realms; how we can revamp feminism in order to build sisterhood; how we

can build real cross-cultural coalitions among women. For more information, email the Women of Color Initiative coordinator (erandi_rico@berkeley.edu). Sponsored by the Graduate Women's Project of the Graduate Assembly.

APRIL 22 (Saturday)

Cal Day

8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., almost everywhere on campus. — It's a combination open house, amusement park, and academic showcase. Satisfy your curiosity about places you've never been to, speakers you've wanted to hear, things you've never seen. There's live music, a climbing wall, flintknapping, robots, you name it — literally too much to do, but no pressure, so you can wander at will. Bring kids, parents, prospective students, or be completely selfish. Check out the detailed online schedule (<http://www.berkeley.edu/calday/>) and plan your day, or any slice of it, by time, location, category, or presenter.

APRIL 22 (Saturday) and 23 (Sunday)

Second Annual UC Berkeley Tamil Conference: "The Time of the Cholas: 900 to 1300 C.E."

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Saturday) and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Sunday) — Townsend Center for the Humanities, Geballe Room, 220 Stephens Hall — Scholars from North America and Europe to look at the complex cultural and artistic milieu called "Land of the Cholas," during the period 900–1300 C.E., a time known for vast artistic, intellectual and military accomplishments which would leave their mark on India and on the world. This conference explores the influence of the Cholas through the ways in which concepts as diverse as royalty, religious community and moral order were constructed during this dynasty and perpetuated long afterwards, resulting in the notion of the Chola period as a golden age in Tamil history. The full conference program is available online (<http://tamil.berkeley.edu/Tamil%20Conference%202006%207.0%20Site/Conf2006Begin.html>).

APRIL 24 (Monday)

"What to Eat: Sensible Food Choices in this Era of Corporate and Scientific Confusion" – A Conversation with Marion Nestle and Michael Pollan

7 to 9 p.m., Sibley Auditorium, Bechtel Engineering Center — This spring, Marion Nestle is a visiting professor of public policy, public health, and journalism. She and Michael Pollan, a professor in the Graduate School of Journalism, will discuss the links between nutrition, health, politics, and navigating a supermarket designed to confuse consumers and obscure the origin and nature of food. Nestle, whose Ph.D. in molecular biology and M.P.H. in public health nutrition are both from UC Berkeley, is the Paulette Goddard Professor of Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health at New York University. The event is presented by the Graduate School of Journalism and the Knight Program for Science and Environmental Journalism.

APRIL 25 (Tuesday)

Howison Lecture in Philosophy

4:10 p.m., Toll Room, Alumni House (just north of Zellerbach Playhouse)

John McDowell, professor of philosophy, University of Pittsburgh — "Intention in Action"

McDowell is widely recognized for advancing current philosophical thought by uncovering and rejecting unworkable but persistent assumptions. His contributions to the philosophy of mind attempt to provide a conception that makes sense of how empirical thought is rationally grounded in experience. His research contributes to a wide variety of philosophical fields, among them metaphysics, ethics, and epistemology. Admission is free, no tickets required. Sponsored by the Graduate Division and the Academic Senate's Graduate Council. Further information is available by phone (643-7413), email (lectures@berkeley.edu), and online (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/lectures/>).

MAY 3 (Wednesday)

Jefferson Memorial Lecture

4:10 p.m., Lipman Room, eighth floor of Barrows Hall

Elizabeth Warren, professor of law, Harvard University — "The Coming Collapse of the Middle Class: Higher Risks, Lower Rewards, and a Shrinking Safety Net"

Elizabeth Warren teaches contract law, bankruptcy, and commercial law at Harvard. She is an outspoken critic of America's credit economy, which she has linked to the continuing rise in bankruptcy among middle-class citizens. She has spent decades, she says "writing academic books and teaching an entire generation of law students about the rules of money," which include the formal statutes of commercial law, the policy issues inherent in them, and the ethical problems they can produce. Admission is free, no tickets required. Sponsored by the Graduate Division and the Academic Senate's Graduate Council. Further information is available by phone (643-7413), email (lectures@berkeley.edu), and online (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/lectures/>).

CAREER CENTER

Home page (<http://career.berkeley.edu/>)

Graduate Students and Ph.D.s page (<http://career.berkeley.edu/PhDs/PhDs.stm>)

Workshop: “Looking Beyond Academia”

5 to 6:30 p.m., Mondays - April 10, 17, 24, and May 3

Career Center, room 104A, 2111 Bancroft Way

This series of four workshops contains information, strategies, and resources designed to take you through the steps that will help you make an informed and affirmative choice of your next career (you’re likely to have more than one). Topics include: identifying options; job search and networking; interview strategies and salary negotiation. Free, but space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register, email Ph.D. counselor Debra Behrens (dbehrens@berkeley.edu).

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES (UHS)

(<http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu/>)

UHS is recruiting members for the Graduate Mental Health Advisory Committee

You can help the University build a healthier graduate student community by joining the Graduate Mental Health Advisory Committee, coordinated by University Health Services-Tang Center. This committee advises on Berkeley’s counseling and psychological services, mental health outreach, and graduate student education. Specific issues addressed by the committee have included international student needs, GSI trainings, and campus awareness of depression. The committee is seeking new members for the 2006–2007 academic year. If you’re interested, email Dr. Susan Bell (suebell@uhs.berkeley.edu). This relatively new committee meets just once each month, for an hour and a half, and has already had a significant impact on campus.

UCTV

(<http://www.uctv.tv/>)

Highlights of programs available in Berkeley during April

UCTV programs may be seen using cable, satellite, or computer (all day, every day, all year long on the latter). Offerings and detailed schedule are available online (<http://www.uctv.tv/>).

To celebrate National Poetry Month, UCTV is drawing attention to its extensive archive of poetry programs, available online and in podcasts. Many of these draw from “Lunch Poems,” the long-running noontime poetry reading series from this campus, featuring world-renowned and emerging poets reading their works and sharing insights. Guests include Maxine Hong Kingston, Robert Hass, the late Barbara Guest, Mei-Mei Berssenbrugge, and many more. You can also browse “on-demand” poetry programs (<http://www.uctv.tv/poetry>) or subscribe to poetry podcasts (<http://www.uctv.tv/podcasts>).

“Can Newspapers Survive and Serve the Public Interest?” is a conversation between Orville Schell and Alan Rusbridger. Schell is dean of UC Berkeley’s Graduate School of Journalism and Rusbridger is editor of *The Guardian* of London, a leading national newspaper in England with a long history (since 1821) of editorial and political independence. The colloquy is a presentation of the Goldman Forum on Press and Foreign Affairs Salon Series at the Graduate School of Journalism, UC Berkeley’s Center for British Studies, and the World Affairs Council.

“Conversations with History,” hosted by Harry Kreisler, is decidedly global this month. “Europe and the World” is a discussion with The Right Honorable Lord Patten of Barnes CH (the latter standing for Companion of Honor, if you’re not up on British orders), former governor of Hong Kong, now chancellor of the universities of Newcastle and Oxford. Lord Patten talks about the European Union’s common foreign and defense policy, relations between Europe and the United States, and the challenges posed by the burgeoning economies of China and India. He also reflects on diplomacy and the power of ideas in politics. Harold P. Smith Jr., in “Thinking About the ‘Unthinkables’ in the Post 9/11 World,” discusses the threat of nuclear terrorism in the present day. Smith, who received a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering from MIT, taught here in the 1960s before serving as assistant to the Secretary of Defense in the Johnson and Clinton administrations. In the latter, he had responsibility for the reduction and maintenance of the American and NATO nuclear weapons. In “Military Victory in the Information Age,” Kreisler welcomes Stephen D. Biddle, senior fellow at the Council on For-

eign Relations, for a conversation about the factors that have influenced military outcomes from the World Wars until the present. Also covered: the synergy between force employment and technology, grand strategy in the post-9/11 world, and the privatization of military power. Political scientist **Robert A. Page**, in “The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism,” talks about how social science can help us understand this new weapon of fear. Page teaches at the University of Chicago. His latest book, on suicide terrorism, is *Dying to Win*.

UCTV can be seen in households nationwide via community cable channels, such as Berkeley’s community channel 33 and government channel 28 at scheduled times; via Direct Broadcast Satellite on the Dish Network, Channel 9412, 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and on the Internet, via 24-hour live stream and subsequent video-on-demand (<http://www.uctv.tv/>).

New ways to see and select programs:

- Over 1,000 hours of UCTV’s 30- to 90-minute television programs will be available to Internet users as part of Google Video (<http://video.google.com/>), an online video database, boosting the educational component of that resource. When uploading is complete, the total is expected to rise to more than 2,000 hours, so finding and free viewing of UCTV shows will be considerably easier for Internet users anywhere in the world. UC Berkeley is one of the biggest contributors to UCTV, a 10-campus effort of the UC system.
- Like it fresh? UCTV’s Berkeley office has created a new web page (<http://www.uctv.tv/berkeley/>) that lists all *currently airing* programming from this campus in chronological order, newest programs on top.

CALIFORNIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (CAA)

(<http://www.alumni.berkeley.edu/>)

Nominate outstanding Berkeley alumni for CAA honors

Every year, the California Alumni Association singles out Berkeley alumni — with either undergraduate or graduate degrees or both — for the honor their lives and achievements have brought to this university and particularly the Berkeley campus.

Recent CAA award recipients include **Karl Pister** ’45, M.S. ’48, former dean of the College of Engineering and chancellor emeritus of UC Santa Cruz, California Assemblymember **Nicole Parra** ’92, **Steven Chu** Ph.D. ’76, Nobel Laureate in physics and director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, World Trade Center Memorial architect **Peter Walker** ’55, **Julie Gerberding** M.P.H. ’90, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and **James Schamus** ’82, M.A. ’87, Ph.D. ’03, producer of *Brokeback Mountain* and *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*.

Who should be honored next? That could depend on you. Do you know about any great alumni achievers? They could be in any field, anywhere on the planet. Tell Lynne Witsler by email (lynne@alumni.berkeley.edu) or phone (642-7281). Forms and more information are available online (http://alumni.berkeley.edu/Alumni/Alumni_Awards/CAA_Annual_Awards.asp). Nominations are due May 31, 2006.

DEADLINE FOR MAY

News and other items for the May 2006 issue of *eGrad* are due Monday, **April 17**. Please send your information to gradpub@calmail.berkeley.edu. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity, and accuracy.