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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Graduate Students,

As I write, all of us are deeply concerned about the current crisis in the Middle East and especially about more than two dozen of our graduate students -- newly admitted as well as continuing students -- who are making their way here from the countries most immediately affected.

When the current conflict broke out, I directed my staff to try to reach all the students whom we knew were in the affected areas, and to work with the Chancellors Office and the Office of Services for International Students and Scholars to convey our concern for their and their families safety in the most stricken areas and to provide assistance where needed and possible. Several students replies have been extremely moving.

An incoming student in the Mechanical Engineering department, who was evacuated with scant notice, wrote:

"I am currently in Cyprus and waiting to be evacuated with American citizens to the USA. Things happened very fast, on Saturday 22 I registered my name that I am in Lebanon and I want to go to the USA. After 20 minutes exactly I received a phone call saying that a ship is waiting at marina port and you should be there within an hour. However, I have nothing but my laptop, passport, and academic transcript."

Another incoming student, in the City and Regional Planning department, who is volunteering at a refugee center while she awaits final arrangements for her passage, wrote:

"Thank you again for all your precious time and efforts. It really means a lot for me here and I really appreciate it. Let's hope the bombing and death will stop soon."

Assistance has come from many quarters, not only from our own Cal staff and faculty but also from complete strangers such as the embassy staff of a couple of European Union countries who have extended helping hands to our students although non-nationals. Such actions, at least, give reason for hope that transcends boundaries. By the time you read this message, we hope that all our students will have found safe passage out of the danger zone.

Graduate students travel to all parts of the globe for research, collaborations, and to visit families. When unexpected dangers occur -- as they have in the Mideast and, last year, with the tsunami in Southeast Asia and hurricanes in the Gulf Coast -- we are here to help you in any way that we can. You can help us as well, by following a few basic precautions.

Whenever you travel abroad for an extended stay, you should register with the embassy or consul of your citizenship. When you are traveling to an area known to be volatile, provide your departments graduate assistant (and/or family member or friend) with the phone number and email address of a contact person. The State Department advises that you provide your contact person with copies of your itinerary, passport data page, and visas, so that you can be contacted in case of an emergency. More advice, including Top Ten Travel Tips for Students, is available online (http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/brochures/brochures_1219.html).

Be safe. I look forward to seeing many of you later in August at Welcome Week activities.

Mary Ann Mason
Dean of the Graduate Division

GRADUATE DEGREES

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

Using Summer Sessions registration to be eligible to file for your degree

If you are planning on filing for your degree and are registered for 2006 Summer Sessions at Berkeley, here are several suggestions that can make the filing go more smoothly. Note that you must be registered in Summer Sessions in at least 4 units, or on approved Filing Fee status for fall 2006 to be eligible to file. **August 18, 2006, is the final day for you to file** using the Summer Sessions option. (If you are on Filing Fee status for fall 2006, you have until the last day of the fall semester, December 19, 2006, to file.)

Other tips on filing for your degree

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, margins, type size, and page numbering. Be sure to read *Instructions for Preparing and Filing Your Thesis or Dissertation* (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/degrees/pdf/disguide.pdf>), which has recently been updated and has all of the information you will need to prepare your document. We have included a check list for masters students and one for doctoral students to help you. The various surveys and forms needed can also be found online (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/degrees/index.shtml>).

If you plan more than incidental use of your own previously published or co-authored material in your manuscript, you must have prior permission of 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 are not 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 you want to list 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, and you have not yet done so, 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.

ProQuest increases fee to register your copyright

When you file your dissertation, you can choose to have ProQuest/UMI register your copyright for you. The option of copyrighting your dissertation is discussed in detail on the Graduate Degrees web page, "Publishing Your Dissertation" (http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/degrees/dissertation_publish.shtml). ProQuest increased the fee charged for this service to \$65 as of July 1, 2006. Please note that ProQuest will accept only a certified check or a money order (no personal checks).

EVENTS

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

AUGUST 6 (Sunday)

Open House at UC's White Mountain Research Station (WMRS)

7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

You're invited to a day of hiking and educational activities in the White Mountains. The event will combine interpretive programs and natural history walks at the **Bristlecone Pine Visitor Center**, an open house at the **WMRS Research Facility** at Mt. Barcroft, and open gate day for hikers who wish to ascend 14,246 ft. **White Mountain Peak**. This once-a-year opportunity to drive up to the Barcroft Station, normally restricted by a locked gate, includes short lectures by visiting researchers, poster displays, light refreshments and sales of souvenirs. The gate to Barcroft will open at 7: a.m. and close at 6 p.m.. Car pooling is highly recommended as parking is limited. Friends of WMRS (wearing orange vests), Research Station faculty and staff will be on hand to answer questions. Researchers' talks at the Barcroft facility will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. The Barcroft Laboratory is the eleventh highest research station in the world and fourth highest in North America. The Summit Laboratory, used by thousands of UC and non-UC researchers, is the fourth highest research facility in the world and the highest in North America. Bring water, lunch, sturdy hiking shoes and your ability to adapt to high altitudes: The elevation at the Barcroft facility is 12,500 ft. and at the Summit Lab is 14,246 ft. This event is co-sponsored by the University of California White Mountain Research Station (WMRS), Friends of WMRS, and the Inyo National Forest. More information is available online (<http://www.wmrs.edu/>).

AUGUST 17, 18, 19, and 25

Reception and Events for New International Students

International House Auditorium. More information is available online (<http://www.ias.berkeley.edu/siss/>).

AUGUST 21 (Monday)

New Graduate Minority Student Orientation: An Orientation for All Focusing on Issues Facing Underrepresented Students

10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tilden Room, fifth floor, Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union. All are invited.

AUGUST 23 (Wednesday)

Orientation for New Graduate Students

8 a.m. to 6 p.m., third, fourth, and fifth floors, Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union.

(Registration: 8 to 9 a.m.) Pauley Ballroom, third floor, MLK Student Union)

Speakers include Chancellor **Robert Birgeneau**, Graduate Dean **Mary Ann Mason**, and Dean of Students **Jonathan Poullard**.

Full program information, with breakout sessions, is available online

(http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/new_students/pdf/ngso_2006.pdf)

AUGUST 24 (Thursday)

Teaching in the U.S. Classroom: A Conference for International GSIs

8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration: lobby of Dwinelle Hall.

Dean's Reception for New Graduate Students

4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Toll Room, Alumni House (just north of Zellerbach Playhouse)

AUGUST 25 (Friday)

Fall Teaching Conference for GSIs

8:30 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. Registration: lobby of Wheeler Hall

AUGUST 29 (Tuesday)

Reception Honoring Graduate Diversity

4 to 6 p.m., Heller Lounge, second floor, Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union. All are invited.

AUGUST 30 (Wednesday)

Reception Honoring American Indian/Alaska Native Graduate Students

4 to 6 p.m., Heller Lounge, second floor, Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union. All are invited.

SEPTEMBER 4 (Monday)

Labor Day Holiday

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES (UHS)

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

What you should know about health services and insurance at Berkeley

As a UC Berkeley student, you have an outstanding health plan. It consists of two parts:

1. University Health Services, Tang Center

All registered Cal students may use the services at University Health Services (UHS). As a registered student, you can access medical, mental health and wellness services at the Tang Center regardless of what insurance you have.

2. The Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)

The University requires all students to have major medical insurance. Most students enroll in the University-sponsored Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). SHIP covers hospitalization, off-campus medical and mental health care and specialty services. SHIP also includes dental coverage.

You will be automatically enrolled in SHIP and charged a health insurance fee on your CARS bill. You can choose to waive enrollment in SHIP and have the fee removed by completing an on-line waiver application form

(www.uhs.berkeley.edu/ShouldIWaive) **The deadline for submitting a waiver application is August 15, 2006.** New graduate students only may submit waiver applications until August 31, 2006.

Graduate Student Instructors and Researchers may be eligible for remission of the health insurance fee. Please check with your hiring department.

SHIP Changes for Fall

- The cost for 2006-07 will be \$729 each semester, or \$1,458 for 12 months of coverage
- Allergy testing and immunotherapy coverage is being increased from \$500 to \$1,000 per plan year.
- Prescriptions filled at the Tang Center Pharmacy will have a co-payment of \$15 for generic medications and \$25 for brand medications. The co-payment for three cycles of hormonal contraceptives will be \$25.

A complete list of SHIP benefits is available online (<http://uhs.berkeley.edu/students/insurance/index.shtml>).

Do you need health insurance for your spouse, children or other dependents? The Student Health Insurance Office can assist you in selecting a plan that best meets your family's needs. Please the UHS office for an appointment.

For more information about UHS and SHIP, visit the UHS website (<http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu/>). If you would like to speak with someone about SHIP or insurance for dependents, call the Student Health Insurance Office at (510) 642-5700.

Counseling groups and workshops for graduate students

University Health Services has an extensive group counseling and workshop program with updated offerings each semester. Several of the groups offered this fall are specifically for graduate students.. For more information about these groups, call 642-9494, or see the Counseling and Psychiatric Services website (<http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu/students/counseling/calendar.shtml>).

- **Dealing With Academic Stress** (registration required prior to group)
This group is for graduate and undergraduate students who are dealing with procrastination, time management issues, test anxiety, or are feeling overwhelmed by academic stress. Participants will learn study skills to increase their academic self-confidence.
November 6 (Monday), 4 to 6 p.m.
December 4 (Monday), 4 to 6 p.m.
Group Room (#3290), third floor, Tang Center, 2222 Bancroft Way.
- **Bipolar Disorder Support Group**
This group is open to graduate and undergraduate students who would like a safe, supportive place to talk about bipolar disorder or manic-depressive illness.
Mondays, 4:15 to 5:45 p.m., Group Room (#3290), third floor, Tang Center, 2222 Bancroft Way.
- **General Therapy Group** (registration required prior to group)
These groups are for students who are struggling with feelings of low self-esteem, dissatisfaction in their relationships, interpersonal difficulties, family conflicts, identity issues, or other personal concerns. The groups provide a safe place for members to explore problematic issues and develop a healthier sense of self.
Graduate Students - Fridays, 2:15 to 3:45 p.m., September 29 - December 8
Undergraduate and Graduate Students - Thursdays, 2:15 to 3:45 p.m., September 28 - December 7
Group Room (#3290), third floor, Tang Center, 2222 Bancroft Way.
- **LGBT Group Therapy** (registration required prior to group)
This group is for LGBTQ graduate and undergraduate students who are struggling with feelings of low self-esteem, dissatisfaction in relationships, interpersonal difficulties, family conflicts, identity issues, or other personal or academic concerns. The group provides a safe place for members to explore problematic issues and develop a healthier sense of self.
Wednesdays, 2:15 to 3:45 p.m., September 27 - December 6
Group Room (#3290), third floor, Tang Center, 2222 Bancroft Way.
- **Graduate Student Mood Group** (registration required prior to group)
The mood groups are designed for graduate students experiencing anxiety, depression, and stress. Participants will learn cognitive skills and practical techniques to identify and manage difficult emotions and will gain a new understanding of themselves and their choices.
Mondays, 4:15 to 5:45 p.m., September 18 - October 30
Thursdays 4:15 to 5:45 p.m., October 19 - December 7
Group Room (#2284), second floor, Tang Center, 2222 Bancroft Way.

- **Mood Group for Undergraduates and Graduate Students (registration required prior to group)**

Mondays, 2:15 to 3:45 p.m., September 18 - October 30

Tuesdays, 4:15 to 5:45 a.m., October 3 - November 14

Wednesdays, 4:15 to 5:45 p.m., October 18 - December 6

Group Room (#2284), second floor, Tang Center, 2222 Bancroft Way.

- **Feel Better Fast** (registration required prior to group)

This workshop is for graduate and undergraduate students who are feeling stressed, anxious, run down, or overwhelmed by school or personal commitments. Participants will learn effective techniques and strategies to help themselves feel better fast.

October 12 (Thurs.), 4 to 6 p.m.; November 28 (Tues.), 4 to 6 p.m.; December 6 (Weds.), 4 to 6 p.m.

Career Counseling Library, Tang Center, 2222 Bancroft Way

City and campus work for safer celebration, especially when alcohol's involved

The Berkeley campus and Berkeley's city government are joining forces to create safer communities. This fall both Police Departments are stepping up their monitoring and enforcement of alcohol violations such as underage drinking, public intoxication and disorderly conduct in the campus area. A new campus website (<http://partysafe.berkeley.edu/>) makes it easy to find out about the laws and penalties for drinking in Berkeley and how to be a responsible party host, guest, and neighbor. For example, if you are 21 or over and are caught furnishing alcohol to an underage person, is your fine \$100 or \$1000? Are you sentenced to community service or to time in county jail? What are the penalties for police being called to your house for a noise complaint? Learn what you need to know at PARTYSAFE. Visit the PARTYSAFE website on or after August 15 and you can enter a prize drawing for a \$100 gift card.

UCTV

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

Highlights of programs available in Berkeley during August

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/>).

In need of a new reality show? Something thought-provoking? Then check out a series of lectures produced by the Graduate Division and broadcast on UCTV.

Four of the most recent **Graduate Council Lectures** will be broadcast in August. Here's a sample of what you'll find, along with the web link for each event's air dates:

How Does an Egg Make an Organism?

Pioneering cell biologist **Sir John Gurdon's** ground-breaking studies in nuclear transplantation galvanized efforts to clone a mammal from an adult cell -- a quest that in 1996 produced a healthy sheep named Dolly. In this Hitchcock Lecture he explores the process of going from egg to organism.

<http://www.uctv.tv/search-details.asp?showID=11506>

Cloning, Stem Cells, and Cell Replacement

Pioneering cell biologist **Sir John Gurdon's** ground-breaking studies in nuclear transplantation galvanized efforts to clone a mammal from an adult cell --- a quest that in 1996 produced a healthy sheep named Dolly. He explores the potential of stem cells in this Hitchcock Lecture.

<http://www.uctv.tv/search-details.asp?showID=11507>

Intention in Action

John McDowell is a contemporary philosopher whose most influential work has been in the philosophy of mind and language. He questions whether empirical thought is rationally grounded in experience in this Howison Lecture in Philosophy.

<http://www.uctv.tv/search-details.asp?showID=11509>

The Quest for Consciousness: A Neurobiological Approach

This Foerster Lecture presents acclaimed neuroscientist **Christof Koch**, who is renowned for his contributions to the quest for understanding the underlying mechanisms of consciousness. During a celebrated, sixteen-year collaboration with Francis Crick he developed a pioneering account of the bases of visual perception, attention, and consciousness.

<http://www.uctv.tv/search-details.asp?showID=11508>

To view more lectures and in-depth interviews with **Noam Chomsky**, Nobel laureates **Dudley Herschbach**, **Amartya Sen**, **Steven Chu**, and many other distinguished scholars, visit the Multimedia (Audio and Video) section of the Graduate Council Lectures website (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/lectures/multimedia/uctv.shtml>).

Other programs in August include:

“Is the Media Failing America” featuring **Dan Rather**, former managing editor and anchor of the CBS Evening News, in conversation with **Orville Schell**, dean of the Graduate School School of Journalism, on the state of American media, also covering Rather’s own career.

“What Would Franklin Do? A Centrist Civic Primer on Religion, Politics, and Community-Serving Programs” is an address to the Goldman School of Public Policy made by **John Dilulio**, former director of the Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives in the George W. Bush White House.

In **“The Old World in the New: Performing Diaspora,”** the Arts Research Center at UC Berkeley presents a panel of scholars and artists who explore the impact of the African diaspora on various forms of historical and contemporary music and dance.

“CNS News” is produced by students in the Graduate School of Journalism. In their second year, they put together polished long-form pieces. In August, under the heading **“Cutaways,”** advanced TV magazine students offer stories in episode three called **“Choques Politicos,” “Illegal Dreams,” “Daddy’s Home,”** and **“Leap of Faith.”** In episode four, the stories are **“Banlieue Blues”** (focusing on France) and **“Tangata Whenua,”** on the Maori of New Zealand.

All of these, and previous shows, are also available in QuickTime format on the journalism school’s website (<http://journalism.berkeley.edu/projects/tv/cnstv/>).

“Conversations with History,” hosted by Harry Kreisler, is having a highly topical August, with four shows broadly covering the related subjects of terror, war, and Iraq. In **“National Security in an Age of Sacred Terror,”** **Daniel Benjamin**, a former counterterrorism official in the Clinton administration, discusses the forces shaping terrorism in an era when the boundaries between religion and politics are blurred, terrorism’s root causes, and a strategy for protecting the homeland in today’s world. **“Trapped in the War on Terror”** brings University of Pennsylvania political scientist **Ian W. Lustick** for a conversation of the War on Terror, including its erroneous assumptions, consequences for domestic politics, and implications for Al Qaida’s longterm strategy. **Michael R. Gordon**, chief Pentagon correspondent for the New York Times, in **“The Invasion and Occupation of Iraq,”** talks about the origins of the war plan, the key decision-makers, the intelligence failure before and during the war, the insurgency, Saddam’s war plan, and the implications of the war for the American military. Historian and classicist **Victor Davis Hanson** draws parallels in **“Iraq and the Lessons of the Peloponnesian War,”** describing imperial ambition, the conflict between civilizations, and military power as an instrument to achieve democratization in the struggle between modernity and tradition.

UCTV can be seen 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/>).

Other 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 local, fresh or “classic?” UCTV’s Berkeley office, on its updated web page (<http://www.uctv.tv/berkeley/>) lists all currently airing programming from this campus in chronological order, newest programs on top. At the same URL you can choose from all programs archived for viewing on-demand.

- Want to watch on the go? Many UCTV programs are available as podcasts. The menu is online (<http://www.uctv.tv/podcasts/>).

IN THE NEWS

Philip C. Habib, who epitomized “shuttle diplomacy” during turbulent decades of U.S. history, is among six “Distinguished American Diplomats” honored in the 2006 commemorative stamp program of the U.S. Postal Service. Habib (1920-1992) was awarded his Ph.D. in agricultural economics here in 1952. He was an authority on Southeast Asia, a negotiator at the Vietnam peace talks in Paris, and a special envoy to some of the world’s most dangerous flash points. He came out of retirement in 1981 for a series of high-profile special assignments. He served as President Ronald Reagan’s personal representative to the Middle East, where he spent two years engaged in high-profile diplomatic trips that helped reduce tensions in the region. He also served as a special envoy to the Philippines and Central America.

<http://www.usps.com/communications/news/stamps/2006/images/14.htm>

Francis Smith, with a 2004 Ph.D. in coastal geography, still surfs, kayaks, lifeguards --- and protects entire coastlines. A GSI who lived out of his Volvo 240 sedan, he now helps run a campus lab, uses satellite imagery to study natural disasters, and raises public awareness of tsunamis and rip currents. (He’ll be the host/researcher for an upcoming National Geographic television special on coastal hazards.) About 48,000 people are rescued by lifeguards in California every year, 80 percent of them caught in rip currents.

[http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_development/previous_issues/articles/2006_05_05/surf_s_up_a_career_in_ocean_science/\(parent\)/12100](http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_development/previous_issues/articles/2006_05_05/surf_s_up_a_career_in_ocean_science/(parent)/12100)

Mike Brown, a CalTech astronomer, discovered what might be our solar system’s 10th planet and is hot on the trail of an 11th (or more). He got his M.A. and Ph.D. at Berkeley (90 and 94), with Hyron Spinrad as thesis adviser. Brown’s original plan was to be a theoretical cosmologist. In graduate school here, he became captivated by comets, which focused his interest inside this solar system. (In addition to various mentions in the press over the last year or so, he’s profiled at length in the July 24 New Yorker.)

<http://today.caltech.edu/>

Kenwyn Suttle and others employ a microscopic parasitic wasp from Florida to fight the half-inch-long glassy-winger sharpshooter that kills plants, poisons predators and, adding insult to injury, pees on tourists, spoiling a Pacific Island paradise (Tahiti and Moorea).

<http://www.physorg.com/news70113913.html>

http://ib.berkeley.edu/labs/power/lab_people/blake_suttle/Research.html

Sarah Takesh, a 32-year-old Iranian-born designer who grew up in California, launched Tarsian & Binkley, a socially responsible clothing firm, while getting her MBA at Berkeley.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/sfgate/category?blogid=3&cat=12>

Michael Wilson M.P.H. ‘98, Ph.D. 03, assistant research scientist at the Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, is the lead author of a report urging a new unified, comprehensive policy to protect the public from toxic compounds that are amassing in people’s bodies and the environment. According to the report, the U.S. has already fallen behind in the move toward cleaner technologies. “The European Union is emerging as a global leader in clean technology and chemicals management, says Wilson. “California should be on the leading edge of these technologies, including green chemistry, which would not only respond to concerns about the state’s longterm productive capacity, but it would address a whole host of chemical problems that are affecting health, environment, businesses, and government in the state.” The report’s co-authors are **Daniel Chia** and **Bryan Ehlers**, both of whom worked on it while graduate students in the Goldman School of Public Policy.

http://coeh.berkeley.edu/news/06_wilson_policy.htm

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER

News and other items for the September 2006 issue of eGrad are due Tuesday, **August 15**. Please send your information to gradpub@berkeley.edu. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity, and accuracy.