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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Graduate Students,

This week I attended the first-ever Graduate Assembly-sponsored reception for international graduate students, organized by the Foreign Student Affairs Committee in Stephens Hall Lounge. It was a lively affair — with great food! — attended by more than 100 students from all over the globe. As Berkeley has about 1,700 international graduate students from 72 countries, the Graduate Assembly and Graduate Division hope to cosponsor opportunities for meeting and mixing on a semesterly basis.

The good news reported by the international students with whom I spoke is it is now easier to get visas and there is less hassle at the airports. The bad news is that many students feel restricted from visiting their home countries for fear of difficulties coming back into the U.S. Our international students are very important to our multicultural academic community and we must all try in any way we can to help those from diverse backgrounds feel welcome. International House (I-House) provides a welcoming abode, and the Office of Services for International Students and Scholars (SISS) provides vital services — and all of us can extend a friendly hand.

May each of you enjoy a restorative holiday season. Try to take a break from your studies! I wish you a happy and, above all, peaceful New Year.

Mary Ann Mason  
Dean of the Graduate Division

## **GRADUATE DIVISION IS BACK IN BUSINESS!**

The following offices, which were closed briefly in November and reorganized to better serve students, staff and faculty, have reopened in new locations. (Their new room numbers are in parentheses.)

Academic Services (321 Sproul Hall)  
Graduate Diversity Program (318 Sproul Hall)  
Graduate Services: Appointments, Degrees, and Fellowships (318 Sproul Hall)

Special Projects and Training (321 Sproul Hall)  
Business and Financial Management (302 Sproul Hall)  
Human Resources (321 Sproul Hall)

Email addresses and phone numbers remain unchanged. Thank you for your patience during our move!

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## **LATE REGISTRATION FEE CHANGE**

**Good news and bad news: the Late Registration Fee goes up, but there's more time to pay to pay fees before the late fee is assessed.**

Effective for the spring 2007 semester, the Late Registration Fee will increase to \$150 and will be charged to all students who are not officially registered by Friday of the third week of instruction (February 2 for the upcoming semester). Previously, students were charged separate \$50 late fees for not paying registrations fees by the first payment deadline and for not enrolling in classes by the third week of class. The new process consolidates these fees into one, but also provides students more time to pay their fees before the late fee is assessed.

**Note:** to be officially registered, a student must meet **all** of the following criteria: enrollment in at least one class; at least 20 percent of assessed registration fees paid; and no active registration blocks.

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## **GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS**

([http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/fellowships\\_office.shtml](http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/fellowships_office.shtml))

### **Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship**

The Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund awards fellowships to fund graduate study and research carried out in the United States. The fellowship is open to currently enrolled students with outstanding undergraduate records and demonstrated need for financial assistance. Only U.S. citizens who have earned baccalaureate degrees are eligible, but candidates may be in any recognized field of study in the humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences (including law, medicine, engineering, architecture, and other professional programs), and they may be of any national descent or background. The fellowship covers tuition costs and provides a stipend for room, board, living expenses, and income taxes. Applications are available in 318 Sproul Hall, the office of Graduate Services: Appointments, Degrees, and Fellowships, as well as online (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/deadlines.shtml>). The application deadline is **January 16, 2007**.

### **Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship**

The FLAS Fellowship funds students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents to gain competence in modern foreign languages. Awarded to students in the humanities, social sciences, and professional fields, these fellowships are available for the study of languages in eight world areas (Africa, East Asia, East Europe, Latin America, Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and West Europe). Applications are available in 318 Sproul Hall, the office of Graduate Services: Appointments, Degrees, and Fellowships, and online (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/deadlines.shtml>). Applications for the Academic Year FLAS Fellowship and the Summer FLAS Fellowship are due **January 29, 2007**. For further information, contact Gina Farales by phone (642-7739) or email ([gfarales@berkeley.edu](mailto:gfarales@berkeley.edu)).

### **Society in Science: the Branco Weiss Fellowship**

This fellowship is dedicated to supporting exceptionally talented young scientists, particularly from the life sciences, in their quest to identify, explore, and build new avenues in the relationship between science and society. Applicants should have an integrative approach to their research in the life sciences, be motivated to transcend disciplinary boundaries, courage to design a concrete, challenging, and scientifically rigorous research project, and the commitment to enter into constructive dialogue about their research with both the

scientific community and society at large. The fellowship is based at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich. The call for applications and other information are available online (<http://www.society-in-science.ethz.ch/>). The application deadline is February 1, 2007.

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## 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.

DECEMBER 5 (Tuesday)

**Flu Shot Clinic** — Noon to 6 p.m., Tang Center, 2222 Bancroft Way — This final clinic of the season is on a drop-in basis; no appointment is necessary. The cost for student with the Student Health Insurance Plan is \$5; for others, it's \$25. Campus and community members who are college age and above are welcome.

DECEMBER 5 (Tuesday)

**Reception for Queer Scientists and Engineers** — 6 to 8 p.m., McCollum Room, 775 Tan Hall — Social networking, conversation, refreshments, and a grand old time for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender scholars, students, faculty, staff, alumni, and their straight allies in science, engineering, and technology. Sponsored by Queer Grads.

DECEMBER 8 (Friday)

**Deadline for Labor Externship applications** — UC Berkeley Center for Labor Research and Education seeks UCB graduate students to serve for a semester as research externs with unions and worker nonprofits in Northern California. Program information and application are available online (<http://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/externship/index.shtml>).

DECEMBER 8 (Friday) — **Instruction ends**

DECEMBER 12 – 19 — **Final exams**

DECEMBER 19 (Tuesday)

- **Deadline for dissertations and theses**
- **Fall semester ends**

DECEMBER 25 and 26 — **Winter holiday**

DECEMBER 29 – JANUARY 1 — **New Year's holiday**

JANUARY 9 (Tuesday) — **Spring semester begins**

JANUARY 11 (Thursday) — **Graduate Division spring 2007 meeting for Graduate Advisers and Graduate Assistants;** 8:30 to 10 a.m., Toll Room, Alumni House

JANUARY 15 (Monday) — **Martin Luther King Jr. holiday**

JANUARY 16 (Tuesday) — **Instruction begins**

FEBRUARY 7 (Tuesday) — **Graduate Diversity Program Brown Bag Series** — “**Dissertation Writing: What You Should Know BEFORE You Start**” — Noon to 1 p.m., Tilden Room, fifth floor, Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union. Sabrina Soracco, director of academic services, Graduate Division

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## PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION

(<http://publicsafetyandtransportation.berkeley.edu/>)

### Good wishes and good advice

The Berkeley campus Public Safety and Transportation office wishes all graduate students a safe and happy holiday season. It's a special time of year — and also a time when busy people become vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. All of us can never be too careful, too prepared, or too aware. To assist you in enjoying the season, PS&T provides holiday safety and security tips online (<http://publicsafetyandtransportation.berkeley.edu/>). You'll also find information there on campus services operating during the holiday season, such as special bus schedules and contact information for the BearWALK Night Escort Service.

## SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS (SISS)

(<http://www.ias.berkeley.edu/siss/>)

### **Workshop on international travel — U.S. re-entry and visa issues**

SISS is offering workshops to assist international students and scholars prepare for travel overseas. The workshops review the processes for visa application and re-entry in the U.S. If you will be traveling out of the U.S. this winter break, and especially if you will need to apply for a U.S. entry visa, you're strongly urged to attend the workshop. Time and place: **December 13**, 10:30 a.m. to noon, International House, 2299 Piedmont Avenue. The workshop is free and no signup or reservation is required, but bring your passport and form I-20 or DS-2019, and check at the front desk for room location. Topics include: determining when a visa stamp is required; what documents you need to apply for a visa; the visa application process; security clearances; travel to Canada and Mexico; special registration procedures.

### **Workshop on the two-year home residency requirement for J-1 students and scholars**

Certain J-1 "Exchange Visitors" (students and scholars and their dependents) are subject to a "Two-Year Home Country Physical Presence" requirement. If you are subject to this requirement you cannot apply for H status (temporary worker/trainee and immediate family), L status (intracompany transferee and immediate family), or immigrant status (also called permanent resident, "green card") unless you return to your country of nationality or last legal residence for two years or obtain a waiver of the requirement. Not all J-1 visitors are subject to this requirement. Time and place: **December 13**, 3 to 4 p.m., International House, 2299 Piedmont Avenue. The workshop is free and no signup or reservation is required, but bring your passport and DS-2019 (your J-1 visa document), and check at the front desk for room location. Topics include: what makes a J-1 "subject"; applying for a waiver of this requirement; strategies for timing the application for a waiver; when to see an advisor at SISS.

### **Workshop on the H-1B visa — temporary non-immigrant work status in the U.S.**

The H-1B is an employer-sponsored, non-immigrant category which allows persons who are not citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. to work for up to six years in a specialty occupation. The employer must apply for the H-1B on behalf of the prospective H-1B employee through the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. Because the procedures and record-keeping required for this visa category are complex, an attorney or other trained person will be necessary to complete the paperwork. This workshop is a general, introductory meeting for UC Berkeley international students and scholars. It is not designed to explain how a person can apply for the H-1B him- or herself, nor is it designed for individuals who will be hired at UC Berkeley in H-1B status. Time and place: **December 20**, 3 to 5 p.m., International House, 2299 Piedmont Avenue. The workshop is free and no signup or reservation is required.

More information on the workshops is available online (<http://www.ias.berkeley.edu/siss/>) and by phone (642-2818) or email ([siss@berkeley.edu](mailto:siss@berkeley.edu)).

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## UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES (UHS)

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

### **Do you need to file a SHIP Waiver for spring semester?**

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

#### **1. University Health Services**

All registered students may use the services at University Health Services (UHS) simply by being registered at Cal. UHS, housed in the Tang Center on campus, is a comprehensive, state-of-the-art health care facility, with medical, mental health and wellness units.

#### **2. The Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)**

The University requires all students to have major medical insurance, and provides the Student Health Insurance Plan, in which the majority of students are enrolled. While UHS provides primary care to students, SHIP covers hospitalization, off-campus medical and mental health care and specialty services not provided at UHS. SHIP also includes dental coverage.

All students are automatically enrolled in SHIP and charged a health insurance fee on their CARS bills. Students can choose to waive enrollment in SHIP and have the fee removed by completing a waiver application

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

If you are a new graduate student in the spring and you wish to waive enrollment in Student Health Insurance Plan, or if you are a continuing student who is currently enrolled in SHIP but wish to waive enrollment for the spring, you must complete an online SHIP waiver application form (<http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu/students/insurance/waiver/welcome.shtml>) by January 15, 2007.

If you are a continuing student who waived SHIP enrollment this fall, your waiver remains active through the spring. You do not need to file another waiver application until fall 2007.

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## UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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

### Keeping up to date in the biological sciences

Staying current with the literature in the field can be a difficult task. A new web page from the Biosciences and Natural Resources Library ([http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/BIOS/keeping\\_up.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/BIOS/keeping_up.html)) provides detailed instructions for using automated email alerts from bibliographic databases, cited reference alerts, tables of contents from journals, and RSS feeds so you can receive customized updates about current research. Many of these strategies are also applicable to other fields.

### Web of Science database introduces citation reports

The citation report is a new feature in the Web of Science. The report shows the number of articles published per year and the number of cites per year for a particular author. It also calculates something called the h index. This metric is useful because it discounts the disproportionate weight of highly-cited papers and papers that have not yet been cited. The index was developed by J. E. Hirsch and published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America 102 (46): 16569-16572 November 15, 2005. You can find the link to the citation report directly below the Analyze Result buttons on the right-hand side of a search-results page in the Web of Science. A UC-only link to the Web of Science is available (<http://isiknowledge.com/wos>).

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## UCTV

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

### Highlights of programs available in Berkeley during December

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/>).

**John McDowell**, a contemporary philosopher in the area of mind and language, questions whether empirical thought is rationally grounded in experience in “**Intention in Action**,” a Howison Lecture in Philosophy presented by the Graduate Division and the Academic Senate’s Graduate Council.

**Michael Nacht**, dean of Berkeley’s Goldman School of Public Policy and an advisor to both the Clinton and George W. Bush administrations, explores the current challenges in American foreign policy in “**National Security in a Turbulent Era**.” Topics include the war in Iraq, the global war on terrorism, the nuclear weapons programs of Iran and North Korea, and the rise of China as a strategic competitor.

“**The Washington Post at War: Reporting from Baghdad**” brings a panel of reporters and editors from that paper together to discuss their experiences covering Iraq. Panel members include **Rajiv Chandrasekaran**, former Iraq bureau chief, **Steven Fainar**, **Omar Kekeiki**, and **Jackie Spinner** (who earned her M.J. in 1995 from the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism).

“**Conversations with History**” is hosted by **Harry Kreisler**, whose four guests cover words, world, war and peace, and the universe. In “**An Editor’s Odyssey**,” he talks with **Lewis H. Lapham**, editor of *Harper’s* magazine, for a tour of that publication’s history, comparison of print to electronic media, the corruption of language by politics, and the incompatibility of democracy and empire. Harvard historian **Niall Ferguson**, in “**The War of the World**,” analyzes the role of ethnic conflict, economic volatility, and the decline of empires in making the 20th century the most violent one in human history. Israeli political scientist and activist **Galia Golan**, in “**The Israeli Peace Movement and the 2006 Lebanon War**,” likens Israeli occupation policies to South Africa’s

apartheid, analyzes Israel's geopolitical constraints, and compares the superpower conflict in the Middle East during the Cold War with today's regional geopolitical situation. In "A Cosmologist's Intellectual Journey," Kreisler talks with **James E. Peebles** about his contributions to cosmology and the future of the field.

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:**

- On Google Video (<http://video.google.com/>), an online video database, boosting the educational component of that resource and making free viewing of UCTV shows 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/>).

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#### **DEADLINE FOR JANUARY**

News and other items for the January 2007 issue of *eGrad* are due Wednesday, **December 13**. Please send your information to [gradpub@berkeley.edu](mailto:gradpub@berkeley.edu). Submissions may be edited for length, clarity, and accuracy.