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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Graduate Students,

It is great news that UC Berkeley, along with the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, has just been awarded an unprecedented \$500 million over the next 10 years from the global energy firm BP. This will make Berkeley a pre-eminent research center for developing new sources of energy and reducing the impact of energy consumption on the environment — certainly an important goal for the globe.

When Berkeley receives a huge award like this it helps all graduate students. The grant itself will fund many graduate student positions, and centers like this (the new one will be called the Energy Biosciences Institute) attract more funding and new initiatives. We already have the most NSF fellows in the country, and we may expect more will choose Berkeley.

But it is not only the scientists who benefit. More resources and attention flow to all the graduate programs and professional schools in direct and indirect ways. We all gain from each other's successes. And we can be proud that we are seriously contributing to the effort to develop viable solutions to global energy challenges and provide better stewardship for our planet.

Mary Ann Mason
Dean of the Graduate Division

Links:

Campus press release:

http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2007/02/01_ebi.shtml

Summary of the Energy Biosciences Institute proposal:

http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2007/02/01_ebi-proposal.shtml

Webcast of the press conference — “Our generation’s moon shot”:

http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2007/02/01_EBI_press.shtml

SUMMER TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

Four positions for 2007 at the Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Junior Summer Institute

Policy Analysis and Communications Instructor. Salary: \$5,000.

Time commitment: approximately 20 hours per week.

Quantitative Methods Instructor. Salary: \$5,000.

Time commitment: approximately 20 hours per week.

Economics Instructor. Salary: \$5,000.

Time commitment: approximately 20 hours per week.

Quantitative/Economics Teaching Assistant. Salary: \$3,000.

Time commitment: approximately 20 hours per week.

This year’s program takes place from June 17 through August 4. **Applications are due by February 26, 2007.** Apply by sending a cover letter and resume to Xuan Quach, UCPPIA Director, Goldman School of Public Policy, 2607 Hearst Avenue #7320, Berkeley, CA 94720-7320. More information, including job descriptions, may be found online (<http://gspp.berkeley.edu/ppia/>).

FINANCIAL AID

2007–2008 FAFSA is now online — March 2 priority deadline

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2007–2008 academic year is now available online (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>).

If you filed a 2006–2007 FAFSA, you can use the Renewal FAFSA option for 2007–2008 (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/FOTWWebApp/complete004.jsp>). Berkeley's school code is 001312. The Financial Aid Office recommends that you file your 2007–2008 FAFSA by the March 2, 2007, priority deadline to ensure early notification and the best package. The FAFSA is required for all federal loans (including Direct Loans and the Grad Plus), work study, and the low income parent grant. The Graduate Division also requires a FAFSA for fellowship consideration.

2006–2007 financial aid changes

The Financial Aid Office recommends that you request any changes to your financial aid for the current academic year (2006–2007) by **April 1, 2007**. This includes accepting more loans, documenting extra expenses for more loans or work study, or reporting new grant awards from your department or other sources that may require an adjustment to your federal loans. Send changes to the graduate section of Financial Aid (fao_grad@berkeley.edu).

Summer loans for Summer Sessions

Students who will be enrolling in a Summer Session can apply for summer federal loans if they have at least six summer units. The Summer Financial Aid site will be up and running by mid-March.

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

(http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/fellowships_office.shtml)

Udall Foundation Environmental Public Policy and Conflict Resolution Dissertation Fellowship

The Morris K. Udall Foundation awards two one-year fellowships of up to \$24,000 to doctoral candidates whose research concerns U.S. environmental public policy and/or environmental conflict resolution and who are entering their final year of writing the dissertation. Previous fellows' fields of study include political science; economics; government; environmental science, policy and management; ecology; environmental justice; regional planning; geography; natural resource policy; and environmental analysis and design. Interdisciplinary projects are particularly welcome. Fellows must be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals or permanent residents, and their dissertation research must pertain to U.S. environmental policy. Program details, information and applications are available online (<http://www.udall.gov/>). If you have questions, email Dr. Jane Curlin (curlin@udall.gov). The deadline for complete application packets is **February 21, 2007**.

CIRM Fellowship in the Humanities/Social Sciences

The UC Berkeley Stem Cell Center seeks applications for a predoctoral stem cell research fellowship in the humanities/social sciences which is awarded to UC Berkeley by the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM). This CIRM fellowship provides a \$25,000 stipend, partial tuition payment, and a \$5,000 research allowance for the 2007–2008 academic year. Fellows' projects must be directly relevant to the current or anticipated practice of basic or translational stem cell research. Candidates should submit a short CV, two-page research proposal, and one letter of recommendation to Lily Mirels (lmirels@berkeley.edu) by **March 15, 2007**. Additional information is available on the website of the UC Berkeley Science, Technology, and Society Center. (http://stsc.berkeley.edu/Projects/StemCell_Fellowship.htm).

GSI TEACHING AND RESOURCE CENTER

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

Note: See the listings by date below for **workshops on teaching** that are coming up in the near future (February 6, February 21, March 20, April 2, and April 19).

Nominations open: 2007 Faculty Award for Outstanding Mentorship of GSIs

In partnership with the California Alumni Association, the Graduate Council's Advisory Committee for GSI Affairs and the Graduate Division's GSI Teaching and Resource Center are pleased to announce the 2007 Faculty Award for Outstanding Mentorship of GSIs. This award recognizes faculty (including both Senate and

non-Senate faculty) who have provided GSIs **outstanding mentorship in teaching** at Berkeley and preparation for the teaching graduate students may do in future careers. Nominations are sought from graduate students who have served as GSIs.

Up to three awards of \$1000 each will be given. Awards will typically be presented to faculty members mentoring GSIs in multi-section courses, in stand-alone courses (e.g., foreign language or reading and composition courses), or through the teaching of a 300-level course. Recipients will be honored at a spring awards ceremony, and statements of mentoring philosophy will be posted on the GSI Teaching and Resource Center's website. The nomination deadline is Friday, **March 9, 2007**. Guidelines, nomination forms, and statements of mentoring philosophy from previous recipients can be found online (<http://gsi.berkeley.edu/awards/mentor.html>).

Nominations open: Outstanding GSI Awards 2006–2007

The GSI Teaching and Resource Center welcomes nominations from departments for the 2006–2007 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Awards. Each department may nominate one GSI for every ten GSIs appointed during the academic year. The deadline for submitting nominations for the Outstanding GSI Awards is Monday, **March 16, 2007**. Guidelines, forms for submitting nominations, and lists of past Outstanding GSI Award recipients can be found online (<http://gsi.berkeley.edu/awards/ogsi.html>).

New Course for Graduate Students: Mentoring in Higher Education, Spring 2007

Instructor: **Linda von Hoene, Ph.D.**, Director, GSI Teaching and Resource Center
Course Number: GSPDP 301; Course Control Number: 38406

A one-unit course for graduate students on mentoring in higher education, this seminar will introduce graduate students to the role of mentoring in U.S. higher education and help guide graduate students as they mentor undergraduates at Berkeley, work in the context of a mentoring relationship with their graduate advisers, and prepare for the mentoring they will do in future academic and non-academic careers. The course will consist of readings, face-to-face and online discussion, short assignments, and an applied component of mentoring.

The course will enable graduate students to:

- Identify the roles of a mentor and the characteristics of good mentoring
- Identify and develop the qualities of successful mentees
- Evaluate one's own mentoring needs and initiate mentoring relationships
- Establish goals, expectations, and parameters in working with mentors and mentees
- Evaluate the quality of a mentoring relationship
- Become knowledgeable about successful mentoring practices in higher education
- Know how to respond to ethical questions and conflicts that may occur in mentoring relationships
- Become aware of mentoring issues facing members of underrepresented groups
- Develop strategies and skills to obtain mentoring as a graduate student and as a junior faculty member
- Become conversant in the literature on mentoring in higher education

Summer Institute for Preparing Future Faculty

This fifth annual Summer Institute is designed to enable graduate students to excel in all aspects of academic life as they pursue an advanced degree at Berkeley and make the transition from graduate school to academic careers. If you're nearing the end of your graduate program and beginning to prepare for the academic job market, you're encouraged to apply. Approximately 40 students will be selected to be Institute Fellows for the program, which takes place May 23 through June 27, 2007. The application deadline is **March 1, 2007**. The program announcement, application guidelines, and forms are available online

(http://gsi.berkeley.edu/conf_wkshop/documents/FINAL-SummerInst2007_Apps.pdf).

If you have questions, contact the GSI Teaching and Resource Center by email (gsi@berkeley.edu) or phone (510) 642-4456.

Quote from a former Institute Fellow: *"Now that I have a clearer idea of what's required, the task seems less daunting. Clarifying my goals has also energized me in my graduate research, and given me ideas for goals in my post-doctoral work to make the transition to faculty member easier."* More quotes can be found online (http://gsi.berkeley.edu/conf_wkshop/documents/FINAL_SummerInst2007_Testimonial_000.pdf)

DEADLINES, EVENTS, AND WORKSHOPS

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

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

FEBRUARY 7 (Wednesday)

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

Sponsored by the Graduate Diversity Program and the Graduate Assembly. All are invited.

FEBRUARY 7 (Wednesday)

Workshop — “Put Your Science to Work”

5:30 to 7:30 p.m., 370 Dwinelle Hall

Peter Fiske, co-founder and CFO of RAPT Industries

Finding the job market confusing and frustrating? Many new Ph.D.s, postdocs, and master's degree holders are considering a wider range of careers in and out of science, but wonder about their options. From the perspective of a young scientist, this workshop brings a practical overview to the process of career planning and job hunting, covering steps to broaden your horizons, strengthen your skills, and present your best face to potential employers, especially through your transferable skills. Peter Fiske earned his Ph.D. in geological and environmental science in 1994 and his M.B.A. from UC Berkeley in 2002. Prior to starting RAPT, Fiske led a research team at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in condensed matter physics. His business plan for RAPT won first place at the 2001 UC Berkeley Business Plan Competition. He is the author of 20 technical articles in leading scientific journals and two books. His presentation is sponsored by the Visiting Scholar and Postdoc Affairs (VSPA) Program. This workshop is **limited to a maximum of 90 participants**, on a first-come, first-served basis. **All registrants must RSVP by email** (vspa@berkeley.edu). (Note: if you've registered but must cancel, please email VSPA so others on the waiting list may be notified of the vacancy.)

FEBRUARY 7 (Wednesday)

Graduate Social Club February Beer Bash

6 to 9 p.m., Pauley Ballroom, Martin Luther King Student Union

\$3 donation. Light snacks available. Beverage provided by Trumer Pils. Bring up to two guests. UC Berkeley student ID and proof of age required.

FEBRUARY 14 (Wednesday)

Sexual Health Faire

Upper Sproul Plaza

Valentine's Day is also National Condom Day. Thousands of safer-sex kits will be given away, along with free advice, by the Sexual Health Education Program. More details are below, under the University Health Services heading.

FEBRUARY 15 and 28 (Thursday and Wednesday)

Training for GSIs on Depression Awareness and Suicide Prevention

What mental health resources are available on campus? Can you recognize the signs when a student is depressed? What do you do if a student is suicidal? Counseling and Psychological Services presents a special workshop for graduate student instructors with answers to these and other questions. Come to either session — the Feb. 15 workshop is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and the Feb. 28 workshop is from 1 to 2:45 p.m. Both will be held in the Section Club Room on the first floor of the Tang Center, 2222 Bancroft Way. Training materials will be provided to each attendee. Each workshop is limited to 30 people, so please RSVP to Peggy Yang by email (peggyang@uhs.berkeley.edu) or phone (510) 643-4818.

FEBRUARY 19 (Monday) — **Presidents' Day holiday**

FEBRUARY 21 (Wednesday)

Workshop on Teaching — “Assessing Teaching and Learning”

Noon to 1:30 p.m., 166 Barrows Hall (http://gsi.berkeley.edu/conf_wkshop/workshops.html)

FEBRUARY 21 (Wednesday)

Howison Lecture in Philosophy — “The Ethics of Blame”

4:10 p.m., Toll Room, Alumni House

Thomas Scanlon, professor of natural religion, moral philosophy, and civil polity, Harvard University.

More information is available online (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/lectures/howison/scanlon.shtml>). Presented by the Graduate Division and the Academic Senate's Graduate Council.

FEBRUARY 24 (Saturday)

Third Annual Bridging the Gap Conference — “Keeping Hip Hop Alive: From Old School to Hyphy”

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Pauley Ballroom, Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union. Sponsored by the Graduate Assembly's Graduate Minority Project. More information is available by email (gsmp@ga.berkeley.edu).

MARCH 1 (Thursday)

Deadline for applications to the 2007 Summer Institute for Preparing Future Faculty

The institute will be held from May 23 to June 27, 2007. A brief overview is above, under the GSI Teaching and Resource Center heading. Program announcement, application guidelines, and application forms are available online through the GSI Center (http://gsi.berkeley.edu/conf_wkshop/documents/FINAL-SummerInst2007_Apps.pdf)

MARCH 2 (Friday)

Priority deadline for 2007–2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

See above under the Financial Aid heading for more details.

MARCH 3 (Saturday)

Empowering Women Conference — “Our Bodies, Our Souls: Sistahood, Health, and Healing”

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union

In this 22nd iteration of the conference, the keynote speaker is Mililani Trask, a leader of the Hawaiian sovereignty movement and an internationally acclaimed political speaker and attorney. The event also includes a health panel, workshops, a film festival, and cultural performances. Presented by the Graduate Assembly's Women of Color Initiative Project. More information is available online (<http://ewocc.berkeley.edu/>) and by email from Lupe Niumeitolu (woci@ga.berkeley.edu). The conference is free to Cal students, but you must register (via the EWOCC website).

MARCH 5 (Monday)

Workshop on Teaching — “Teaching a Large Lecture Course”

Noon to 1:30 p.m., 166 Barrows Hall (http://gsi.berkeley.edu/conf_wkshop/workshops.html)

Presented by the Graduate Division's GSI Teaching and Resource Center.

MARCH 7 (Wednesday)

Graduate Diversity Program Brown Bag Series — “Public Speaking: Presentations, Talks, Conferences”

Noon to 1 p.m., Tilden Room, fifth floor, Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union

Andrew Green, Ph.D. counselor, Career Center — Presented by the Graduate Division's Graduate Diversity Program

MARCH 8 (Thursday)

Jefferson Memorial Lecture — “The Coming Collapse of the Middle Class: Higher Risks, Lower Rewards, and a Shrinking Safety Net”

4:10 p.m. p.m., Chevron Auditorium, International House, 2299 Piedmont Avenue

Elizabeth Warren, professor of law, Harvard University

More information is available online (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/lectures/jefferson/>). Presented by the Graduate Division and the Academic Senate's Graduate Council.

MARCH 9 (Friday)

Deadline for submitting nominations for the Faculty Award for Outstanding Mentorship of GSIs, which recognizes faculty who have provided GSIs outstanding mentorship in teaching. (More details are above, under the *GSI Teaching and Resource Center* heading.)

MARCH 16 (Friday)

Deadline for submitting nominations for the Outstanding GSI Awards. (More details are above, under the *GSI Teaching and Resource Center* heading.)

MARCH 19 (Monday)

Jefferson Memorial Lecture — “From Thomas Jefferson to Forrest Gump: How the Mall in Washington Became the Nation’s Most Venerated Civic Space”

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

Michael Kammen, professor of American history, Cornell University

More information is available online (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/lectures/jefferson/>). Presented by the Graduate Division and the Academic Senate’s Graduate Council.

MARCH 20 (Tuesday)

Workshop on Teaching — “Teaching Hot Topics”

12:30 to 2 p.m. (tentative), 170 Barrows Hall (http://gsi.berkeley.edu/conf_wkshop/workshops.html)

Presented by the Graduate Division’s GSI Teaching and Resource Center.

MARCH 26 to MARCH 30 — **Spring Recess**

MARCH 30 (Friday) — **Cesar Chavez holiday**

APRIL 2 (Monday)

Workshop on Teaching — “Syllabus and Course Design”

Noon to 1:30 p.m., 166 Barrows Hall (http://gsi.berkeley.edu/conf_wkshop/workshops.html)

Presented by the Graduate Division’s GSI Teaching and Resource Center.

APRIL 19 (Thursday)

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

12:30 to 2 p.m., 170 Barrows Hall (http://gsi.berkeley.edu/conf_wkshop/workshops.html)

Presented by the Graduate Division’s GSI Teaching and Resource Center.

GRADUATE ASSEMBLY (GA)

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

On the calendar

See these dates listed above in Deadlines, Events, and Workshops for GA-related events for graduate students: February 5, February 24, March 3.

Coming up: awards for faculty who mentor graduate students in their research

The 2007 Distinguished Faculty Mentor Award (FMA) honors Senate and non-Senate members of the Berkeley faculty who have shown an outstanding commitment to mentoring, developing, and supporting graduate student researchers. Three awards will be presented to the selected research mentors. Nominations are expected to come primarily from doctoral, masters, and professional students engaged in research at UC Berkeley. The selection committee has not set a final deadline for closing nominations, but it is expected that nominations will close in the end of March or in the first week of April. The selection committee will meet in early February and set the timeline and final dates for the FMA; a detailed announcement will appear in the March 2007 *eGrad* and on the GA website.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES (UHS)

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

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Sexual Health Faire on Valentine’s Day in Upper Sproul

Peer educators from the Sexual Health Education Program will be giving out more than 10,000 condoms and lubricants in custom-made safer-sex kits. They’ll be at tables, discussing sexual health issues, and there will be an opportunity to “ask the expert” about fetishes. A noon show will demonstrate how to eroticize safer sex. Bring your camera and get your picture with a giant condom or tube of lube.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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

Abu Ghraib exhibit

Fernando Botero's powerful and controversial series of 47 paintings and drawings depicting the treatment of detainees at Abu Ghraib prison will be on display in Doe Library through March 23. The exhibit, sponsored by the Center for Latin American Studies, is open to the public. Exhibit hours (which are different from the library's hours) are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday (closed Sunday). More information is available online (http://blogs.lib.berkeley.edu/blogs/whats-new.php/2007/01/21/abu_ghraib_exhibit).

Hidden treasure: there's a bookstore inside the library

Frank Carothers of the library staff writes to introduce the graduate community to the Doe Library Bookstore, "which has the dual distinctions of being one of the best sources of low-cost scholarly books in Berkeley and one of the least known. The Bookstore, in 132 Doe Library, exists to extend the useful life of withdrawals from the university collections and of gift books that duplicate library holdings. It normally stocks around 5,000 volumes. Even in a bookhunter's paradise like Berkeley, the Library Bookstore stands out for variety and price." On the store's shelves, he says, you can find books "in virtually any subject and any language." And, especially on the store's booktrucks, some astonishing bargains. The Doe Library Bookstore is open Mondays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. throughout the year. Need a little more temptation to overcome that inertia? Mention that you saw this item in *eGrad*, says Carothers, "for a discount of \$10 on your first purchase of \$20 or more during the month of February."

PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE

(http://www.bampfa.berkeley.edu/pfa_programs/)

Highlights of films in February (times and detailed program information are available at the PFA website link above)

February 10 and 11 — *The Films of the Brothers Quay*, a retrospective of visionary works by the Philadelphia-born, London-based twin animators, including, on the 11th, the East Bay premiere of *The Piano Tuner of Earthquakes*, a Gothic fable of obsessive desire.

February 18 — *Conversations on a Sunday Afternoon*, by Khalo Matabane, a new South African voice, fusing fiction and documentary to explore Johannesburg as an unlikely haven for the world's war refugees.

February 20 — *v.o.*, a 60-minute film by William E. Jones, with his shorts *More British Sounds* and *Film Montages*, with the filmmaker in person.

February 23 — *Total Denial*, a film by Milena Kaneva in which Burmese villagers take on two giant oil companies, David-and-Goliath style.

February 24 — *The Camden 28*, by Anthony Giacchino, the story of a group of people indicted for civil disobedience against the Vietnam War, and *My Country, My Country*, by Laura Poitras, a portrait of Iraq in the months before the 2005 election (called the best film yet made about the U.S. occupation).

February 25 — *KZ*, a twist on the Holocaust documentary genre, revealing what happens when a concentration camp becomes a tourist attraction (the picturesque Danube town of Mauthausen); and *Source*, by Martin Marecek and Martin Skalsk, a Czech film which shows the hidden costs of a gallon of gas by investigating the effects of the petroleum industry in Azerbaijan.

February 27 — *Pine Flat*, a meditative portrait of youth in a small Sierra Nevada foothill village with the filmmaker in person.

DEADLINE FOR MARCH

News and other items for the March 2007 issue of *eGrad* are due Thursday, **February 15**. Please send your information to gradpub@berkeley.edu. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity, and accuracy.