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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Graduate Students,

Summer is the blessing of academic life. Those of you who soldiered in the regular workforce before returning to scholarly endeavor understand that well. Most of you will not spend the summer in travel or play. You will be working — in the library, lab, or perhaps at a café or in an office. But the rhythm will be different from the rest of the year. And there will be weekends, at least, in the sun. Enjoy the blessings of summer, and of course, wear sunscreen.

Mary Ann Mason  
Dean of the Graduate Division

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## FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

### Fulbright-Hays DDRA

The following graduate students were offered principal candidate slots in the 2003–2004 Fulbright-Hays DDRA fellowship competition. Congratulations!

Stephanie Ballanger  
Kavita Dalta  
Nell Gabian  
Benjamin Gardener  
Daniel Graham

James Krapfl  
Jelani Mahiri  
Daromir Rudnycky  
Deborah Shamoan  
Jerome Whittington

## FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

### Is there a Fulbright in your future?

The Institute of International Education (IIE), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board, is pleased to announce the launch of the 2004–2005 Fulbright U.S. Student Program competition.

For more than 56 years, the U.S. Government-sponsored Fulbright U.S. Student Program has provided future American leaders with an unparalleled opportunity to study and conduct research in other nations. Fulbright student grants aim to increase mutual understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchange while serving as a catalyst for long-term leadership development.

The U.S. Student Program awards approximately 1,000 grants annually and currently operates in over 140 countries worldwide. Fulbright full grants generally provide funding for round-trip travel, maintenance for one academic year, health and accident insurance, and full or partial tuition. Fulbright travel-only grants are also available to limited countries.

Applicants to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program must be U.S. citizens at the time of application and hold a bachelor's degree or the equivalent by the beginning of the grant. In the creative and performing arts, four years of professional training and/or experience meets the basic eligibility requirement. (Non-arts applicants lacking a degree but with extensive professional study and/or experience in fields in which they wish to pursue a project may also be considered.)

For more information, applicants should visit the [Fulbright U.S. Student Program Web site](http://www.iie.org/TemplateFulbright.cfm?section=Fulbright1) (<http://www.iie.org/TemplateFulbright.cfm?section=Fulbright1>). Students currently enrolled at UC Berkeley should contact Maria Loza, Fulbright Program Coordinator, for application forms and further information. **Preliminary applications (pages 1, 6 and 7) must be submitted to the Graduate Fellowships Office, 318 Sproul Hall, by September 8, 2003, in order to schedule a campus interview. Applications must be submitted in full to the Graduate Fellowships Office, 318 Sproul, by the campus closing date of September 22, 2003, in order to be reviewed and sent to IIE by the October 21, 2003, national deadline.**

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## CALIFORNIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (CAA)

### Student Loan Consolidation

The CAA Student Loan Consolidation Program, from Student Trust Inc., offers significant benefits to alumni who have borrowed \$7,500 or more in federal loans to finance their education. With student loan interest rates at their lowest levels in decades, this is a great opportunity to lock in today's low rates for the life of your loan. To take advantage of this special offer, please contact the Alumni Consolidation Program at (800) 478-9091. You can also consolidate your student loans [online](#) (<http://www.AlumniConsolidation.com/CAA>). This program is a member benefit provided by the California Alumni Association. You can sign up for a Recent Graduate Membership for \$25. Contact the CAA Membership Office at (888) CAL-ALUM, or join [online](#) ([http://www.alumni.berkeley.edu/Alumni/Membership\\_Services/Apply\\_Now.asp](http://www.alumni.berkeley.edu/Alumni/Membership_Services/Apply_Now.asp)).

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## ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS

### Dissertation Workshop Program

Every year, the Graduate Division sponsors three or four interdisciplinary thematic dissertation workshops for doctoral students from the humanities, social sciences, and professional schools. The workshops are designed for students who are working on dissertations on related topics or issues but in

different time periods, different areas of the world (including the United States), and with diverse intellectual perspectives. These intensive three-day, off-campus workshops — in effect, intense intellectual retreats — are funded by campus research units interested in encouraging research and creating collegial communities of younger scholars around the workshop topics. The workshops normally include 11–12 students and 3–5 faculty members. They require students to write briefly about each others' projects before the workshop begins. During the workshop, students will present each others' projects in a critical but supportive mode and, along with the faculty, discuss and debate the strengths and problems of the projects in considerable detail. The workshops almost invariably foster continuing thematically-focused interdisciplinary communities on the Berkeley campus. Students and faculty are also sometimes drawn from other nearby campuses as well. Students regularly report that they have found these workshops enormously helpful in focusing and accelerating their proposal writing and research, and their ultimate dissertation writing as well.

For more information, please contact:

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Dissertation Workshop Program  
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## UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

### Free Classes

The Teaching Library will offer Know Your Library Workshops throughout the summer, covering the essentials of using the Library and the Web for research. Schedules and descriptions are available on [the Web](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Instruction/) (<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Instruction/>). Specialized classes in the Science and Engineering Libraries are listed separately on [the Web](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/CSEIL/services.html) (<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/CSEIL/services.html>).

### New Melvyl-T Catalog

Melvyl, the catalog of all University of California libraries, is changing to a new version with improved capabilities, called Melvyl-T (for “Transitional”). Through July 31, 2003, the existing version will still be available along with Melvyl-T. There are differences in what these versions contain and how they can be searched. Please consult [the Web](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Catalogs/melvyl.html) (<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Catalogs/melvyl.html>) for further information.

### Library Prizes and Fellowships

The first Library Prize for Undergraduate Research competition attracted the very best papers from courses taught in departments across the campus. Two prizes went to students in GSI Dylan Esson's History 7B sections. For full details and the list of winners, please consult [the Web](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/researchprize/) (<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/researchprize/>).

The list of Bancroft Fellows for 2003–2004 and summer 2003 and descriptions of their projects are also available on [the Web](http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/info/fellowlist.html) (<http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/info/fellowlist.html>). The Fellows include Berkeley graduate students Lisa Conathan and Karen McNeill.

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## DEADLINE FOR JULY

The deadline to submit items for the July 2003 issue of **eGrad** is Wednesday, June 18, 2003. Please send news and announcements to [gradpub@uclink.berkeley.edu](mailto:gradpub@uclink.berkeley.edu).