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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Graduate Students,

Good news about fees! According to the Governor's proposed budget for UC, we can expect *no* increase in in-state fees or nonresident tuition for the 2006–2007 academic year. And there's more good news, primarily benefiting our international students: The Regents have approved a further reduction in nonresident tuition for graduate students who have advanced to candidacy. Beginning in 2006–2007, those who have advanced to candidacy will be eligible to pay *only* in-state resident fees for three years after advancement.

Early this month, my Berkeley Graduate Division colleagues and I will congregate with our peers from the graduate schools at the nine other UC campuses for our annual winter meeting. We will continue to discuss ways to strengthen "making the case" for the Regents', Legislature's, and Governor's support of graduate education at UC, the premier public university system in the nation and the world — advocating for reduced (or at least stable) fees and expanded fellowship funding. We want to retain UC's ability to attract the best and brightest of graduate students.

Mary Ann Mason
Dean of the Graduate Division

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

\$100,000 “BEARS BREAKING BOUNDARIES” COMPETITION — Do you have the next big idea?

As March began, Thomas Kalil (the chancellor's special assistant for science and technology) and the ASUC unveiled a \$100,000 competition designed to encourage teams of students to propose the next generation of research, education, and service activities on the Berkeley campus. Both undergraduate and graduate students will be eligible to participate. Centers and institutes will sponsor competitions on a wide variety of subjects, such as social entrepreneurship, green cities, clean energy, curricular innovation, societal benefits of information technology, America's place in the world, and serious games.

The goal of the campus-wide competition, known as “Bears Breaking Boundaries,” is to:

- Provide concrete support (money, advice, other resources) for creative, high-quality student proposals;
- Encourage UC Berkeley students to set ambitious goals for their current and future endeavors;
- Increase the role that UC Berkeley students play in shaping the next generation of research, education, and service activities on the campus; and
- Encourage the innovation and fresh thinking that often arises from multidisciplinary student teams.

Organizations involved in Bears Breaking Boundaries as either hosts or financial sponsors of one or more of the contests are the ASUC, Big Ideas @ Berkeley, vice chancellor for research, Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS), Berkeley Institute of the Environment, Center for Neglected Diseases, Center for New Media, Center for Responsible Business, and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Initial funding for Big Ideas @ Berkeley was provided by the Omidyar Network, an investment group created by eBay founder Pierre Omidyar. Additional funding has been provided by the College of Engineering, CITRIS, vice chancellor for research, UC Berkeley's School of Law (Boalt Hall), and the venture capital firm Sevin Rosen.

An informational session on the contest will be held Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Center/Heller Lounge, Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union.

Online information sources:

- Press release — (http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2006/03/01_BBBfinal.shtml)
- Details on other student-led initiatives — (<http://bigideas.berkeley.edu/>)
- Details on the contest — (<http://contest.berkeley.edu/background.php>)

HAVE A GREAT GREEN IDEA AND NEED SOME GREEN TO GET IT DONE?

The Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACCS) will award Chancellor's Green Campus Fund grants to members of the UC Berkeley community to support green projects on campus. Current students, faculty, and staff are eligible to apply for grant funds up to \$2,000. This is an opportunity to make an impact upon the environment in our community. All interested parties are welcome to apply.

Grants will be awarded to individuals or groups who demonstrate the following:

- Commitment to campus greening and environmental sustainability;
- Maximum potential to achieve results;
- Relevant work or volunteer experience.

The awards will be presented by Chancellor Birgeneau on April 27 at the UC Berkeley Sustainability Summit.

Applications are available online (<http://sustainability.berkeley.edu/>) or by phone (643-4612). The submission deadline: is 5 p.m., Friday, **March 31, 2006**. For more information, email Sasha Gennet (cacs@nature.berkeley.edu) or call (415) 385-7028

The Chancellor's Green Campus Fund is managed by the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability and the Berkeley Environmental Alumni Network.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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

Georges Lurcy Fellowship for Study in France

The Georges Lurcy Charitable and Educational Trust offers fellowships to outstanding American students for advanced graduate study and research in France. The award is for U.S. citizens or permanent residents only. The research topic should pertain to France and be one that can be pursued only in that country. A stipend will be provided for one academic year to cover the cost of travel, educational fees, and living expenses in France. Applications are available at the Graduate Fellowships Office, 316 Sproul Hall, or online — announcement (http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/fellowships/pdf/lurcy_announcement.pdf) and application (http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/fellowships/pdf/lurcy_application.pdf). The application deadline is **March 13, 2006**. For more information, email Shaya Kahali in (shaya@berkeley.edu) the Graduate Fellowships office.

Postdoctoral Instructor in Human Rights (2006–2008)

The Human Rights Program at the University of Chicago invites applications for a position to begin Autumn 2006. The interdisciplinary program, founded in 1997, offers courses to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from throughout the university. The starting salary is \$35,500 plus benefits and a nominal relocation allowance. Applicants must have the Ph.D. in hand by September 2006. Applications are due no later than **March 27, 2006**. For more information on the position, email Susan Gzech (sgzesh@uchicago.edu). Information on the Human Rights Program is available online (<http://humanrights.uchicago.edu/>).

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.

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 (March 9, April 4, and April 20).

Nominations open: 2006 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 2006 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 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 10, 2006**. 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 2005–2006

The GSI Teaching and Resource Center welcomes nominations from departments for the 2005–2006 **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 13, 2006**. Guidelines, forms for submitting nominations, and lists of past Outstanding GSI Award recipients can be found online (<http://gsi.berkeley.edu/awards/ogsi.html>).

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.

MARCH 3

Barrister's Ball

8 p.m. to midnight, Alumni House (just north of Zellerbach Playhouse)

Presented by the Boalt Hall Women's Association (BHWA), this seventh incarnation of the annual Barrister's Ball is a casino night. Admission is \$25 at the door, providing passes for Vegas-style poker and blackjack tables and more, including dancing. The ball is BHWA's primary fundraising event for the Herma Hill Kay Fellowships, which support first- and second-year students who spend summers working on projects related to women's rights and women's issues.

MARCH 3, 4, and 5

Women of Color Film Festival 2006

In its 11th year, this festival continues its commitment to premiering promising works from novice artists and recognizing the accomplishments of experienced and award-winning filmmakers from the African, Asian, Latina, Middle Eastern, and Native diasporas. The artists will appear at all screenings. Program details are available online (http://bampfa.berkeley.edu/pfa_programs/women_of_color/).

MARCH 4 (Saturday)

21st Annual Empowering Women of Color Conference — “Nourishing Mother E.A.R.T.H.”

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lipman Room, Barrows Hall (See more detailed entry under *Graduate Assembly* heading below.)

MARCH 6 (Monday)

“Can Newspapers Survive and Serve the Public Interest?”

A conversation between Orville Schell and Alan Rusbridger

7 to 8:30 p.m., Sibley Auditorium (in the Bechtel Engineering Center). Free.

Orville Schell is dean of UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism and Alan 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 event is presented by 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.

MARCH 9 (Thursday)

Workshop on Teaching — “Teaching Critical Media Literacy”

Noon to 1:30 p.m., 331 Sproul Hall

Facilitated by Maxine Einhorn, project supervisor of the KQED Education Network.

This workshop invites GSIs to engage with the powerful media messages, images, language, and sound that saturate contemporary culture. The session will offer instructors key media literacy concepts and strategies, and demonstrate how these instructional tools can develop students' critical thinking skills. As an interdisciplinary approach to teaching, media literacy offers a critical framework of relevance to all GSIs, and this workshop will explore effective ways to integrate these strategies into GSIs' teaching. Sponsored by the Graduate Division's GSI Teaching and Resource Center.

MARCH 9 (Thursday)

Performance and Discussion: “Readers' Theater in a Medical Setting”

9 p.m., Durham Studio Theater (on the west, or bay side, of Dwinelle Hall)

Guy Micco, M.D., clinical professor, codirector of the Center for Medicine, the Humanities and Law, and director of the Center on Aging, will discuss how Readers' Theater can connect students interested in health care issues with their surrounding communities. A cast of UC Berkeley students will perform a selection of Cicero's “de Senectute” (An Essay on Old Age) adapted into a conversation between older and younger performers. An open discussion with audience and performers will follow. Free and open to the public, the event is presented by the Department of Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies in collaboration with the Consortium for the Arts and the Center for Medicine, the Humanities, and Law. More information is available by email from Gretchen Case (gcase@berkeley.edu).

MARCH 9–12

The Wide-Angle Cinema of Michel Brault

Pacific Film Archive Theater, 2575 Bancroft Way at Bowditch

As part of the ongoing series “Documentary Voices,” the Pacific Film Archive introduces Quebecois director **Michel Brault**, a key figure in the history of cinema verite and direct cinema, to the Bay Area. More information is available online (http://www.bampfa.berkeley.edu/pfa_programs/).

MARCH 10 (Friday)

Deadline for Nominations for 2006 Faculty Award for Outstanding Mentorship of GSIs (teaching) — See summary under *GSI Teaching and Resource Center* heading above.

MARCH 10 (Friday)

Deadline for Nominations for 2006 Distinguished Faculty Mentors Award (research) — See summary under *Graduate Assembly* heading below.

MARCH 10 (Friday)

Colloquium: “Patenting Life and Its Parts - Rights and Ethics in the Political Economy of Intellectual Property”

2 to 5 p.m., 22 Warren Hall

Lecture by **Daniel Kevles**, professor of history and law, Yale University, author of *In the Name of Eugenics: Genetics and the Uses of Human Heredity* and co-author of *Inventing America: A History of the United States*. Commentary by **Pilar Ossorio**, visiting professor at Boalt Hall School of Law. *Diamond v. Chakrabarty*, a 1980 Supreme Court decision, opened the U.S. patent landscape to life forms, including Dr. Chakrabarty’s bacteria, followed by Harvard’s oncomouse, the University of Washington’s oyster, and a gene implicated in breast cancer. The colloquium, which is open to the public, will explore the history and political aspects of life patents in a global context, and future implications.

Admission is free. Presented by the Science, Technology, and Society Center and its Working Group on Science, Technology, Ethics, and Law (STELA).

MARCH 13 (Monday)

Deadline for Nominations for 2006 Outstanding GSI Awards — See summary under *GSI Teaching and Resource Center* heading above.

MARCH 13 (Monday)

Herb Caen/San Francisco Chronicle Lecture: “Iraq – Reports from the Front Lines”

7 to 9 p.m., Zellerbach Auditorium

The event will be introduced by **Phil Bronstein**, executive vice president and editor of the *San Francisco Chronicle* and will feature Pulitzer Prize winner **John Burns**, Baghdad bureau chief of the *New York Times*; **Jackie Spinner**, staff writer and former Baghdad bureau chief of the *Washington Post*; **Anna Bedkhen**, staff writer for the *San Francisco Chronicle*; **Mark Danner**, UC Berkeley journalism professor and contributor to the *New York Review of Books*; and **Orville Schell**, dean of the Graduate School of Journalism. Their discussion will be preceded by a 30-minute preview of “The War Tapes,” the first documentary filmed by soldiers on the front lines in Iraq. Ticketing and live webcast information is available online (<http://journalism.berkeley.edu/events/>).

MARCH 14 (Tuesday)

Workshop: “Taxes, Taxes, Taxes! (and Graduate School)”

3 to 4:30 p.m., Tilden Room, 5th floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union

Find out about fellowships, stipends, and loans as they relate to your state and federal returns, how to do them yourself or find someone to do them for you, and more. Led by **Annette Shurn** of H&R Block. Sponsored by the Graduate Assembly’s Graduate Support Services Program. More information is available by email (anberg@calmail.berkeley.edu).

MARCH 14 (Tuesday)

“Bears Breaking Boundaries” Contest Info Session

6:30 p.m., Multicultural Center/Heller Lounge, Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union. — See more on the contest above, under *Funding Opportunities*.

MARCH 15 and 16

Charles M. and Martha Hitchcock Lectures

Chevron Auditorium, International House, 2229 Piedmont Avenue (both lectures)

Sir John Gurdon, biologist, Wellcome Trust/Cancer Research UK Gurdon Institute, University of Cambridge

Lecture 1: “*From Egg to Adult and Back Again*” — 4:10 p.m., Wednesday, March 15

Lecture 2: “*Cloning, Stem Cells, and Cell Replacement*” — 4:10 p.m., Thursday, March 16

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/>).

MARCH 16 (Thursday)

Regents’ Lecture: “Successes and Challenges in Diversifying Research Universities and the National Science and Engineering Workforce”

4 p.m., Sibley Auditorium, Bechtel Engineering Center; reception follows in the Garbarini Lounge

Richard Tapia, University Professor, Rice University

Professor Tapia will focus on the general challenges that the country faces today concerning increasing the representation of those groups that have been traditionally underrepresented in mathematics, science, and engineering. He will share relevant formative experiences encountered along his life’s journey as a publicly educated first-generation Mexican-American from the barrios of Los Angeles to a Rice University mathematics professor and a Clinton appointee to the National Science Board. Tapia directs Rice’s mathematical and engineering sciences program, which is widely recognized for its production of minority Ph.D.s. He will describe his challenges, successes, and lessons learned along the way. His lecture is hosted by the Office of the Chancellor, the College of Engineering, the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and co-sponsored by the Graduate Diversity Program.

MARCH 16 AND 23 (Thursdays)

Real Live: Film and Video Makers at Cal 2006

7:30 p.m., Pacific Film Archive

This annual PFA showcase features recent short works by a diverse group of UC Berkeley students, working on their own or in departments, including art, film, anthropology, and journalism. This year’s eclectic selection fleshes out the theme “Real Live” with videos that advance the often tricky question of what separates truth from fiction and the cultural from the corporeal. The artists will appear at all screenings.

MARCH 17 (Friday)

Conference: “Power”

150 University Hall. Free and open to the public.

Erik Olin Wright, professor of sociology, University of Wisconsin–Madison — Keynote presentation: “Socialism as Social Empowerment” — Other presentations by Troy Duster, professor of sociology, New York University, Bob Blauner, author of *Still the Big News: Racial Oppression in America*, Michael Burawoy, Peter Evans, and Dawne Moon of UC Berkeley’s sociology department, and Angela Harris of the Boalt Hall School of Law, and graduate students from this campus and beyond. The conference celebrates the 50th anniversary of the *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, an annual publication edited by Berkeley sociology graduate students. Information is available online (<http://sociology.berkeley.edu/bjs/conference.htm>).

MARCH 18 (Saturday)

Berkeley Conference of African-Americans

8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Pauley Ballroom, Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union

Possibly the largest gathering of African-American Cal alumni, graduate students, undergraduate students, faculty, and staff ever, with career panels, graduate school representatives from as far away as New York. Addresses by Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Chancellor Robert Birgeneau, author and educator Dennis Kimbro, and Julianne Malveaux, economist, commentator, and columnist. Alumni career breakout sessions: nonprofit/government, law, education, media/entertainment, science/technology, business, medicine, and public health. Sponsors include the Graduate Division, the Division of Undergraduate Education, the College of Letters and Science, the College of Chemistry, the College of Engineering, the College of Natural Resources, Boalt School of Law, the Goldman School of Public Policy, the School of Optometry, International and Area Studies, the ASUC, the Level Playing Field Institute, the Career Center, the California Alumni Association, and Stiles Hall. Student admission is \$15 per person. Full program information and registration are available online (<http://www.berkeleyconference.org/>).

MARCH 22

Foerster Lecture on the Immortality of the Soul

4:10 p.m., Lipman Room, 8th floor of Barrows Hall

Christof Koch, professor of cognitive and behavioral biology, California Institute of Technology

“The Quest for Consciousness: A Neurobiological Approach”

During a celebrated 16-year collaboration with Francis Crick, co-discoverer of DNA, Koch developed a pioneering account of the underlying neuronal bases of visual perception, attention, and consciousness. He is also credited with advancing the fundamental premise that the relationship between consciousness and neural systems can be approached using the modern tools of neurobiology.

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/>).

MARCH 27–31 — Spring Recess

MARCH 31 — Cesar Chavez Holiday

APRIL 4 (Tuesday)

Workshop on Teaching — “Syllabus and Course Design”

Noon to 1:30 p.m., 331 Sproul Hall

APRIL 5 (Wednesday)

Graduate Diversity Program Brown Bag Series — “Reducing Test Anxiety”

Noon to 1 p.m., West Madrone Room, 4th floor, Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union

Presented by Carla Trujillo, director of the Graduate Diversity Program (GDP). Sponsored by the GDP, the Graduate Minority Students' Project, and the Graduate Assembly.

APRIL 14 (Friday)

2006 Breslauer Graduate Student Symposium

9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Townsend Center, Geballe Room, 220 Stephens Hall

Established in 2001, this annual one-day 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 focus this year is **Right to the City and the Politics of Space**. The research 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 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 20 (Thursday)

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

Noon to 1:30 p.m., location to be announced

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/>).

GRADUATE ASSEMBLY (GA)

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

Nominations open: 2006 Distinguished Faculty Mentor Award

This award 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 deadline for nominations is 5 p.m., Friday, March 10, 2006.**

Eligibility: Any member of the Academic Senate or teaching staff affiliated with a graduate degree-granting program (including professional programs) in which he or she directs advanced degree work can be nominated for the award. This includes lecturers with and without security of employment; assistant, associate, and full professors, and emeriti. Nominees must have an outstanding record of mentoring graduate students at UC Berkeley. Only individuals who have not previously won the award are eligible. Previous nominees who have not received the award may be renominated.

Nomination Process: The nominators for each submission must include graduate students who have been the direct beneficiaries of the candidate's mentoring and who can relate their experiences first-hand. Graduate students and former graduate students are expected to be the main nominators. To the extent that the mentoring of undergraduates is relevant to the development of prospective graduate students, undergraduates can serve as associate nominators.

Nominations must include: 1) A completed nomination form; 2) Two (or more) letters of recommendation, each no longer than 1200 words; 3) A list of graduate students for whom the nominee has served as major faculty advisor (i.e. thesis committee chair) for the last five years. Hand deliver your complete nomination materials to Anthony Hall (just north of Barrows Hall), or send them by campus mail or post to: Graduate Assembly, Attn: GA Faculty Mentors Award, Anthony Hall #4500, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720-4500

21st Annual Empowering Women of Color Conference — “Nourishing Mother E.A.R.T.H.”

Saturday, March 4, 8:30: a.m. to 5 p.m., Lipman Room, Barrows Hall

Acknowledged to be the longest-running conference of its kind in the nation, this gathering features high-powered speakers, panel discussions, workshops, cultural performances, and much more. Featured speakers are **Beverly Wright**, founder and director of the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice at Xavier University located in New Orleans, Louisiana (keynote); **Enei Begaye**, Dine' (Navajo) with the Black Mesa Water Coalition, Native Movement Collective, and Indigenous Environmental Network; **Jenice View**, education and training director of Just Transition Alliance; **Sarah James**, board member of the Gwich'in Institute in Arctic Village, Alaska; **Ann Aurelia Lopez**, biologist, teacher, and researcher; and **Carla M. Perez**, community organizer for Contra Costa Communities for a Better Environment. The event is sponsored by the Graduate Women's Project of the Graduate Assembly, the Gender Equity Resource Center, and the Center for Race and Gender. Further information (including registration and admission fees) is available online (<http://ewocc.berkeley.edu/home.html>).

Positions available

Two of the Graduate Assembly's project coordinator positions are open. Each pays an \$840 stipend for 15 hours per week.

The **Graduate Minority Student Project Coordinator** is an advocate for minority graduate students in all aspects of academic life. The timeline for this position is June 1–May 31. For more information, contact Kofi Turner by email (naturner@berkeley.edu) or phone (510) 642-2876, extension 4.

The **Graduate Support Services Project Coordinator** programs and coordinates an extensive annual workshop series on health, taxes, and debt management (in partnership with licensed professionals), and helps individual students find out more about campus resources. The position timeline is August 16–May 31. For more information, contact Anna Berg by email (abegrrl@yahoo.com) or phone (510) 642-2876, extension 6.

Applicants for either position must be current UC Berkeley graduate students, creative self-starters able to work well with a team, with basic computer skills associated with Microsoft Word, Excel, and email. Applications will be accepted until **April 3, 2006**, and may be submitted online through CalJobs, via email, or in person at the Graduate Assembly offices in Anthony Hall.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES (UHS)

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

Graduate Women's Support Group

Tuesdays, 4 to 5 p.m., Health Promotion Room 2024, 2nd floor of the Tang Center

Feeling stressed or overwhelmed? Want to connect with other graduate women? Need support while you work on your thesis or dissertation? Counseling and Psychological Services offers this new group for spring 2006, on a drop-in basis (no appointment needed), as a confidential and safe situation for sharing concerns or just listening. Contact Grace Chen or Carolyn Mohler by phone (642-9494) or check online (<http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu/students/counseling/calendar.shtml>).

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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

UC Libraries license *The Chronicle of Higher Education*

The UC libraries have licensed *The Chronicle of Higher Education* online (<http://chronicle.com>). On the Web, *The Chronicle* is published every weekday and is the top destination for news, advice, and jobs for people in academe. *The Chronicle's* website features the complete contents of the latest issue; daily news and advice columns; thousands of current job listings; articles published since September 1989; live discussion forums; and career-building tools such as online CVs, salary databases, and more. The subscription works with IP authentication, so no passwords are required (just like most library databases). Access is available from anywhere on campus, and to the campus community from other locations via the proxy server (<http://proxy.lib.berkeley.edu/>).

Spring classes and tours

The Library is offering a variety of free classes and tours in the spring semester. Classes include introductions to the library's online offerings; classes on specific material types such as news, government information and digital images; and classes on specific databases. The Library also offers free classes on EndNote bibliographic management software. No preregistration is required. A full schedule of offerings is available online (http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Help/library_classes_tours.html).

UCTV

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

Highlights of programs available in Berkeley during March

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/>).

“**Conversation with Robert Klein**” features the chair of the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, who has been an instrumental figure in advocating for stem cell research, conversing with **Michael Nacht**, dean of the Goldman School of Public Policy.

In “**Shared Responsibilities: Solving the Problem of Global Imbalance**,” **Rodrigo de Rato**, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, who earned his MBA at Berkeley in 1974, addresses the goal of ensuring that the IMF can help all member countries face the challenge of integrating into the global economy. The program is present by the Haas School of Business.

“**Making Room for California’s Future: Why the Central Valley Matters**” is an exploration by Carol Whiteside, president of the Great Valley Center, of the enormous changes occurring in the heartland of the state, where seven million more people are expected to be living by the year 2040. The program is presented by the Institute of Governmental Studies.

“**Shakespeare and the Spanish Connection**” is a documentary that covers key relationships between the theater traditions of Spain and England, with performance materials and accounts of community drama from New Mexico and California, excerpts from Shakespeare, Lope de Vega, Calderon, and Alarcon. It features Professor **Hugh Richmond**, director of the Shakespeare Program at UC Berkeley.

“**Berkeley’s Nobel Tradition**” is discussed by five people who know it better than most, Laureates **George Akerloff** (Economics, 2001), **Steven Chu** (Physics, 1997; Ph.D. from Berkeley in 1976), **Donald Glaser** (Physics, 1960), **Daniel McFadden** (Economics, 2000), and **Charles Townes** (Physics, 1964).

“**CNS News**” is a program produced by UC Berkeley graduate students. This episode feature stories on urban beekeeping and controversial Berkeley law professor John Yoo.

“**Cutaways**” is a magazine program from this campus, this time featuring pieces about an AIDS activist in China, Latino-owned wineries, and Arizona border politics.

“**Conversations with History**,” hosted by **Harry Kreisler**, covers its usual wide waterfront, this month including power, war, technology, McCarthyism, and one particular academic mind. Harvard political scientist **Stephen M. Walt** talks about “**Balancing American Power in the Post-9/11 World**” in the international political scene. Historian and novelist **Michael Oren**, in “**War in History and in Fiction**,” discusses the search for truth in his historical studies and in his creative works, focusing on his study of the six day war in the Middle East and his novel *Reunion*. “**Culture and Technology**” is the topic of computer scientist and composer **Jaron Lanier**, who offers an assessment of how far the revolution in communication will go. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist **Haynes Johnson** talks about “**McCarthyism**” and its lessons for contemporary politics. A less polarizing figure, low-key and non-doctrinaire sociologist **Neil Smelser**, emeritus of the Berkeley faculty, psychoanalyst, and former president of the American Sociological Association, tells of his “**Intellectual Odyssey**.”

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