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## **MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN**

Dear Graduate Students,

Congratulations to all of you who are graduating this May! These are the happiest of occasions.

I know many of you have your future plans firmly in hand, but for some future employment may not be so clear. If you would like to remain in California and continue in higher education, UC is a member institution of a new service that could be very helpful. The Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC) was established to assist job seekers interested in pursuing a higher education career in California and provides a Web site with thousands of faculty, staff, and executive jobs at 26 higher education institutions in Northern and Central California and twenty-six institutions in Southern California.

The [Northern California HERC Web site](http://www.norcalherc.org) (<http://www.norcalherc.org>) and the [Southern California HERC Web site](http://www.socalherc.org) (<http://www.socalherc.org>) are available for higher education job searches and automatically send email job alerts to registered users when positions are available that match their profiles. This service has assisted many others and might do the same for you as qualified graduate students and postdoctoral scholars.

Good luck with your new job and your new life! (But don't forget Berkeley!)

Mary Ann Mason  
Dean of the Graduate Division

## GRADUATE DEGREES AND APPOINTMENTS

### Longer Hours for Filing Dissertations and Theses

The Graduate Degrees and Graduate Appointments offices, located in 302 Sproul Hall, generally open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will have expanded hours (from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) during the period May 12 to May 20 to accommodate the needs of students wishing to file their dissertations and theses.

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## GSI TEACHING AND RESOURCE CENTER

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

### 2005 Faculty Award for Outstanding Mentorship of GSIs

The Graduate Council's Advisory Committee for GSI Affairs, the GSI Teaching and Resource Center, and the California Alumni Association, have announced the recipients of this year's Faculty Award for Outstanding Mentorship of GSIs. They are: **Dana Buntrock**, Architecture; **Ole Hald**, Mathematics; **John McNamara**, Art Practice; and **Steven Vogel**, Political Science. The recipients of the award will be honored at the Outstanding GSI Award ceremony May 9 from 4–5:30 p.m. in Alumni House. Statements of mentoring philosophy written by the recipients can be found [online](http://gsi.berkeley.edu/awards/mentor.html) (<http://gsi.berkeley.edu/awards/mentor.html>). All of the GSIs, past and present, who submitted nominations for this year's award have the gratitude of the selection committee for bringing to light the excellent mentorship provided by many faculty on the campus.

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## DEADLINES, EVENTS, AND WORKSHOPS

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

### MAY 10

Instruction Ends

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**Townsend Center Conference Grant Proposal Deadline** — The Townsend Center welcomes proposal for conferences or other larger budget activities (over \$500) taking place at UC Berkeley at any time during the 2005-2006 academic year. Proposals should be in the form of a letter, which should include: 1) a description of the project and its significance, 2) a proposed budget, and 3) a specific dollar request. Send proposals by mail to Conference Grants, Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities, 220 Stephens Hall #2340, UC Berkeley 94720, or by [email](mailto:townsend_center@ls.berkeley.edu) ([townsend\\_center@ls.berkeley.edu](mailto:townsend_center@ls.berkeley.edu)). Note: requests for smaller grants, such as \$150 to \$300 for visiting lecturers, are accepted on a continuing basis.

### MAY 12 and 26, June 2

**The Academic Job Search: Social Sciences and Humanities** — Small liberal arts colleges like Amherst and Occidental don't hire on the same basis as large research universities such as Michigan or Purdue. Going "on the market" next fall? Get a head start. This three-part workshop provides an overview of the academic job search process from the perspective of the search committee and helps you figure out how to present your credentials, on paper and in person, in the strongest possible manner. Thursday evenings, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Career Center Info Lab, second floor of 2111 Bancroft Way (between Oxford/Fulton and Shattuck).

- May 12 — An Overview of American Academia and How to Find Job Listings
- May 26 — Creating Your Written Credentials: CVs, Cover Letters, Etc.
- June 2 — Conferences, Interviews, and Negotiations

Further information is available [online](http://career.berkeley.edu/PhDs/PhDs.stm) (<http://career.berkeley.edu/PhDs/PhDs.stm>).

### MAY 13–15

**Conference: "The Thaw: Soviet Culture and Society during the 1950s and 1960s"** — Sponsored by UC Berkeley's Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, assisted by its counterpart at the University of Toronto and eight other organizations at this campus, including the Graduate Division. Keynote address by Sheila Fitzpatrick, Bernadotte E. Schmitt Distinguished Service Professor, University of Chicago. More than three dozen other participants from around the U.S. and elsewhere in the world will speak and discuss a wide variety of topics in workshop format during the three days, all sessions to be held in the Townsend Center for the Humanities, 220 Stephens Hall (the Geballe Room). Program details are available [online](http://ist-socrates.berkeley.edu/~jtanny/thaw) (<http://ist-socrates.berkeley.edu/~jtanny/thaw>).

**MAY 13–20**

Final Examinations

**MAY 20**Deadline for Dissertations and Theses  
Spring Semester Ends**MAY 23**

Summer Session Begins

**MAY 27 and 28**

Conference: “Thinking the Present: The Beginnings and Ends of Political Theory” — Organized by UC Berkeley graduate students from the departments of Political Science, Jurisprudence and Social Policy, and Rhetoric. All panels and talks will be in the Goldberg Room at Boalt Hall.

- May 27 — Keynote: Bonnie Honig, Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University; “Emergent Rights in Emergency Times.” 5:30 p.m.
- May 28 — Closing roundtable: Bonnie Honig, Angela Harris, Wendy Brown, Saba Mahmood. 5 p.m.

Panels, beginning at 9 a.m. both days, will feature graduate students from around the world covering a variety of topics. For more information, [email Jack Jackson](mailto:jacksonj@berkeley.edu) (jacksonj@berkeley.edu)

**MAY 30**

Memorial Day Holiday

**UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES**

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

**Your Health Plan**

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) which 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 [online waiver application form](http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu/students/insurance/waiver/welcome.shtml) (http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu/students/insurance/waiver/welcome.shtml). **The deadline for submitting a waiver application is August 15, 2005.** New graduate students only may submit waiver applications until August 31, 2005. **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 2005–06 will be \$586 each semester, or \$1,172 for 12 months of coverage (the recent health care fee referendum helped to keep this fee 7 percent lower than was projected).
- As of August 15, 2005, inpatient hospital services will be covered at 90 percent of negotiated rates for Blue Cross network hospitals and 80 percent of non-negotiated rates for hospitals not in the Blue Cross network.
- Emergency department services will continue to be covered at 100 percent of Blue Cross negotiated rates for treatments provided within 72 hours for injuries or sudden and serious illness.

- Emergency department charges for non-emergency services are reimbursed at 80 percent of Blue Cross network rates, or 60 percent of non-network rates.

Visit the [UHS Web site](http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu) (<http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu>) for a complete list of SHIP benefits.

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. More information about UHS and SHIP is available [online](http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu) (<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.

Specific SHIP links:

- [General](http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu/students/insurance/) (<http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu/students/insurance/>)
- [Waiver](http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu/students/insurance/waiver/welcome.shtml) (<http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu/students/insurance/waiver/welcome.shtml>)

### **Tang Staff says “Thanks for Supporting Student Health Care!” (An Open Letter)**

Health care staff at the Tang Center and students from the Health Fee Advisory Committee would like to thank Berkeley students for their recent passage of the Safeguard Student Health Care Referendum, which will generate additional revenue for on-campus student health and counseling services. This referendum has been, from the beginning, a student-driven effort. We were pleased with the referendum process, in which students partnered with a campus department to address a critical student need. With this vote, Berkeley students have adopted a model of community-based health care that benefits everyone. Greater access to student health care means a healthier campus: better quality of life, improved academic success, and greater participation by students in the campus community. The Tang Center will continue its tradition of involving students in the development of on-campus health care, by working with students over the summer to implement services supported by the referendum. Students will begin to see changes at the Tang Center in Fall 2005, including extended hours for urgent care, labs, and x-rays and Saturday hours for the pharmacy. Other improvements, such as online scheduling of appointments, will take more time to implement. We appreciate your support in building a healthy campus. Together, we are enabling students to thrive, succeed, and take full advantage of their time at UC Berkeley.

Sincerely, Tang Center staff and students from the Health Fee Advisory Committee

### **Feeling sad, hopeless, or irritable? Take an online screening for depression.**

Everyone experiences difficulties from time to time. However, when problems begin to interfere with your emotional or physical health, your relationships, or your work, you may need to talk with someone who can help. UC Berkeley faculty, staff, and students can now take anonymous, online screenings to check for depression, anxiety, eating disorders, bipolar disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder. Each screening takes approximately three to five minutes to complete. At the end of the screening, you can access information about appropriate on-campus health and counseling resources. Try a free [online screening](http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/screening/login.asp?keyword=uofcberkeley) (<http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/screening/login.asp?keyword=uofcberkeley>).

### **UHS is Recruiting Members for the Graduate Mental Health Advisory Committee**

If you want to help the University build a healthier graduate student community join the Graduate Mental Health Advisory Committee, coordinated by University Health Services-Tang Center. This committee advises on Berkeley's counseling and psychological services, mental health outreach, and graduate student education. Specific issues addressed by the committee have included international student needs, GSI trainings, and campus awareness of depression. The committee is seeking new members for the 2005–2006 academic year. If you're interested, [email Dr. Susan Bell](mailto:suebell@uhs.berkeley.edu) ([suebell@uhs.berkeley.edu](mailto:suebell@uhs.berkeley.edu)). The committee meets just once each month, for one to one-and-a-half hours, and has had a noticeable impact on campus health issues.

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### **UNIVERSITY LIBRARY**

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

### **Bancroft Renovation Affects Access**

The Bancroft Library is preparing to move its collections for a major renovation. Currently, the Bancroft is open Monday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. It will close from June 1 to October 2005, during which time the

collections will be moved to temporary quarters at 2121 Allston Way, between Oxford Street and Shattuck Avenue. All collections will be unavailable during that period. Reopening is tentatively scheduled for October at the temporary site. More information is available [online](http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/info/move/) (<http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/info/move/>).

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## **PHI BETA KAPPA**

### **Ph.D. Candidates Win Phi Beta Kappa Fellowships**

Berkeley's Alpha Chapter and the Northern California Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa have awarded a total of ten fellowships to candidates who are finishing their dissertations.

The Berkeley chapter winners are **Benjamin Richard Gardener**, Geography; **Ivan Andree Ascher**, Rhetoric; **Naazneen H. Barma**, Political Science; **Sarah Elizabeth Reed**, Environmental Science, Policy and Management; and **Joel Tyler Nickels**, English.

Recipients of the Northern California chapter fellowship are **Laura D. Steele**, Ancient History & Mediterranean Archaeology; **Catherine Marie Becker**, History of Art; **Ayelet Ben-Yishai**, Comparative Literature; **Mary Elizabeth Paster**, Anthropology & Linguistics; and **Laura Hubbard**, Anthropology.

Juries of both chapters commented on the excellent scholarship that "made the selection process a pleasure".

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## **UCTV**

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

### **Highlights of programs airing in Berkeley during May**

UCTV programs may be seen using cable, satellite, or computer (all day, all week, all year on the latter).

"**The 24th Annual Review of the Presidency**" is the latest in a series of annual assessments presented by UC Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies. Nationally known observers of the Washington scene, both journalists and scholars, discuss the past year, including the meaning of the 2004 election, the makeup of the new administration and the new Congress, and the issues that will dominate the political agenda in the coming year.

Berkeley's inimitable **Lunch Poems** series features **Suji Swock Kim**, 2002 Walt Whitman Award winner for her debut collection, *Notes from the Divided Country*, of which Garrett Hongo writes, "Kim's brilliantly crafted, brave new poems moves us into an emotional union with the seeming far-flung past of Korea political geography ... what voice, what witness, what glorious descendance."

In "**How Unequal Can America Get Before We Snap?**" former U.S. Secretary of Labor **Robert Reich**, a visiting professor in the Goldman School of Public Policy, talks about the disparities of income, wealth, and opportunity in the United States and asks his audience to speculate on what will happen if these trends continue.

"**An Evening with Oliver Stone: A Dialogue on Classic Filmmaking**" presents the three-time Oscar-winning director and writer in conversation with **Ralph Hexter**, UC Berkeley dean and professor of classics. Stone speaks on the lure, responsibility, and challenges inherent in his role as filmmaker, and the two talk about presenting ancient history and society to a broad modern audience.

Photographers **Catherine Leroy**, **David Lesson**, and **Don McCullin**, along with writers **Jonathan Schell** and **Mark Danner**, share their experiences and expressions of war from the fields of 1960s Vietnam and Iraq today in the program "**Journalists Under Fire**," presented by the UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism.

"**The Consequences of Protecting Confidential Sources: Jail**" — Author and Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* correspondent **Judith Miller** (who writes about national security issues) speaks with veteran investigative reporter (and Berkeley faculty member) **Lowell Bergman** on the price journalists may pay for not revealing their sources.

In "**Founding Mothers: Women of the American Revolution**" ABC News political commentator **Cokie Roberts** talks with UC Berkeley journalism professor **Cynthia Gorney** about the women who nurtured this nation in its infancy.

“**Being Opinionated in America?**” brings world-renowned *New York Times* columnists Maureen Dowd and Thomas Friedman together in conversation with Dean Orville Schell and Professor Mark Danner of the Graduate School of Journalism.

CNS News, by Berkeley graduate students in Journalism, has two programs in the May listings. One installment looks at: gas prices hitting a record high; a Berkeley student co-op paying the price for partying; and why a *New York Times* reporter may face jail time. The other show covers: a possible cure for autism in children; an Oakland movie theater that uses its marquee for free speech; plus a grilled cheese sandwich with the Virgin Mary’s face in it.

Nobel Laureate **Amartya Sen** of Harvard University, is widely recognized for his ability to join economics and philosophy, reflected in his work through ethics and a sense of common humanity. He speaks on “**Identity and Violence: The Violence of Illusion**” in a Hitchcock Lecture presented by the Graduate Division and the Academic Senate’s Graduate Council.

**Harry Kreisler**, executive director of Berkeley’s Institute of International Studies, hosts the series “**Conversations with History**,” which harvests the bounty of many great minds as they visit the campus. **Steve Coll**, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan and Bin Laden*, discusses, in “**The Rise of al Qaeda**,” how factors such as the superpower conflict in the last stages of the Cold War, U.S. foreign policy before and after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and the political dynamics of South Asia created the setting in which terrorism took root and flourished. Military strategist **Thomas P. M. Barnett** explores, in “**The Pentagon’s New Map**,” the changing role of the U.S. armed forces and the implications of globalization for world order and military power. In “**On Theory**,” the abovementioned **Amartya Sen**, winner of the 1998 Nobel Prize for Economics, discusses the interplay of economic theory and political philosophy in his work on public choice, development, and freedom, and recalls the intellectual odyssey that shaped his thinking. Kishore Mahbubani, dean of public policy at the National University of Singapore, longtime diplomat, and author of *Beyond the Age of Innocence: Rebuilding Trust between America and the World*, talks about, yes, “**America and the World**.”

UCTV can be seen in households 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) (<http://www.uctv.tv>).

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## **CALIFORNIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (CAA)**

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

### **What is Networking?**

Networking is a time-honored tradition that most people apply every day without knowing it. View it as making contacts, creating relationships, finding out about essentials, even as making friends. Consider it today’s answer to the lost art of conversation and its cousin, writing letters. It’s all about communicating — making phone calls, conducting informational interviews in person or writing letters — to learn if your contacts can refer you to anyone who might want to hire someone with your skills. The Student Alumni Mentorship Program (SAMP) is more than a tutoring program. It connects Cal undergraduates and graduate students with UC Berkeley alumni in one-on-one mentoring relationships that offer support, advice, and networking opportunities. Find more information about SAMP [online](http://www.alumni.berkeley.edu/samp) (<http://www.alumni.berkeley.edu/samp>), call the SAMP Program Manager at (510) 642-4976, or [email](mailto:mentorship@alumni.berkeley.edu) ([mentorship@alumni.berkeley.edu](mailto:mentorship@alumni.berkeley.edu)).

### **“@cal” Lets You Network with 25,000-plus Alumni**

The California Alumni Association and UC Berkeley offer “@cal”, a new online alumni community. “@cal” allows students to network with other Cal grads around careers and other interests. Go [online](http://www.alumni.berkeley.edu) (<http://www.alumni.berkeley.edu>) to register and get connected.

### **“Bear Connections” Career Networking Program**

CAA’s Career Services Program maintains Bear Connections, a database comprised of Cal alumni willing to share their career and graduate school experience in informational interviews. Cal alumni can provide the

career advice and support you need, whether you are just starting out, or are making a career change. Bear Connections helps you locate alumni by job title, company/organization, or geographic location, and is available to Cal alumni and students. To get yourself connected to more alumni, go [online](#) ([http://www.alumni.berkeley.edu/Alumni/Career\\_Services/Bear\\_Connections/main.asp](http://www.alumni.berkeley.edu/Alumni/Career_Services/Bear_Connections/main.asp)).

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## **DEADLINE FOR JUNE**

News and other items for the June 2005 issue of **eGrad** are due by Monday, **May 16**. Please send your information to [gradpub@calmail.berkeley.edu](mailto:gradpub@calmail.berkeley.edu). Submissions may be edited for length, clarity, and accuracy.