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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Graduate Students,

Last month the National Academy of Sciences issued a major report titled “Beyond Bias and Barriers: Fulfilling the Potential of Women in Academic Science and Engineering” (<http://newton.nap.edu/catalog/11741.html#orgs>). Two Berkeley scientists — Chancellor **Robert Birgeneau**, who is a professor of physics, and **Alice Agogino**, professor of mechanical engineering — sat on the blue-ribbon panel that produced the report. It offered a gloomy assessment of the lack of progress of women in most fields, pointing to lingering discrimination that persistently retards women’s progress at all steps and structural barriers that conflict with family formation, particularly in the pre-tenure years.

We are well aware of these difficulties at Berkeley. The NAS report cited our “Do Babies Matter?” research project, conducted over the last few years, which clearly reveals that the greatest leak in the pipeline for women academics occurs during the family formation years, usually after the Ph.D. but before tenure. To help keep women in the pipeline, Berkeley — leading the entire UC system — has put in place significant new family-friendly policies for faculty, including two semesters without teaching in the event of childbirth, stop-outs on the tenure clock, and a flexible part-time work option. For graduate student parents, we facilitate grants as well as time extensions for academic milestones, and we are planning new initiatives to encourage, rather than discourage, families. All these efforts were just recognized by an Achievement Award from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation ([http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2006/09/25\\_sloan.shtml](http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2006/09/25_sloan.shtml)), with funds to help integrate these policy changes into the fabric of our academic culture.

Institutional change is typically slow, but change is exactly what is happening at Berkeley. I am confident that the innovations now underway here are in fact giant steps forward in helping our students have careers and families too.

Mary Ann Mason  
Dean of the Graduate Division

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## BREAKING NEWS

The Berkeley campus is associated with three of the first four Nobel Prizes awarded in 2006.

**Andrew Z. Fire**, the Stanford University geneticist who shared the 2006 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, is an alumnus of UC Berkeley’s mathematics department, having whizzed through Cal in a mere three years before moving on to graduate school at MIT at the age of 19. The Prize was announced Monday ( [http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2006/10/02\\_nobel.shtml](http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2006/10/02_nobel.shtml) ). Fire shares the Nobel with Craig C. Mello of the University of Massachusetts Medical School for their discovery that ribonucleic acid (RNA), aside from being a blueprint for proteins in a cell, also can shut down specific genes. This ability, dubbed “RNA interference” (RNAi), is being explored as a possible therapy for diseases such as cancer and AIDS.

Berkeley cosmologist **George F. Smoot**, who led a team that obtained the first images of the infant universe — findings that confirmed the predictions of the Big Bang theory — was notified on Tuesday that he won the 2006 Nobel Prize in Physics ([http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2006/10/03\\_nobelph.shtml](http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2006/10/03_nobelph.shtml)). Smoot is a professor of physics at UC Berkeley, and an astrophysicist at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL). Smoot’s is UC Berkeley’s 20th Nobel Prize since Ernest O. Lawrence won in 1939, and its eighth Nobel in physics.

Smoot shares the physics prize with a colleague, **John C. Mather** of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, who earned his Ph.D. in physics at Berkeley in 1974. Together they led the building and launch of NASA’s Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) satellite to look for telltale signs of the primordial explosion. According to theory, the Big Bang fireball 13.7 billion years ago filled the universe with heat that has since cooled to a mere 3.7 degrees above absolute zero. They announced in 1992 the discovery of residual heat from the explosion, as well as minute variations in temperature across the sky that indicated the beginnings of structure in the early universe. When their research was published, famed cosmologist Stephen Hawking called it the “greatest discovery of the century, if not of all time.” While grade point averages may not always be predictive, Mather’s GPA in grad school was 4.0. ([http://www.nasa.gov/vision/universe/starsgalaxies/nobel\\_prize\\_mather.html](http://www.nasa.gov/vision/universe/starsgalaxies/nobel_prize_mather.html))

Nobel Prizes still to be announced include Economics, Peace, and, at a date yet undetermined, Literature.

## A NEW LOOK AND FEEL FOR THE GRADUATE DIVISION ON THE WEB

### Take a look and give us your reaction!

The Graduate Division's website has undergone a significant reorganization and redesign, aimed at making it easier for you to find the news and resources you need. We urge you to visit us online (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu>), take our new site for a spin, and let us know what you think (by email to [gradweb@berkeley.edu](mailto:gradweb@berkeley.edu)). This is the stage where feedback makes the most difference, so please help us improve access to all the services we provide for graduate education at Berkeley.

*Graduate advisers, graduate assistants, and student affairs officers:* as you tour the site, please keep in mind the pages your department or program links to from our site to yours, then be sure to have your website updated with the new links — for instance, to

- the Graduate Fellowships Office ([http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/fellowships\\_office.shtml](http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/fellowships_office.shtml)),
- the Graduate Degrees Office ([http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/policies/degrees\\_office.shtml](http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/policies/degrees_office.shtml)), or
- the Academic Appointments Office ([http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/policies/appointments\\_office.shtml](http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/policies/appointments_office.shtml)).

For these and other heavily used pages we have temporary automatic redirects in place. There may be some inconvenience during the transition, and we appreciate your patience as we identify and correct any problem areas. Our goal is for the final result to be more useful, and user-friendly, for everyone.

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### GRADUATE DEGREES

([http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/policies/degrees\\_office.shtml](http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/policies/degrees_office.shtml))

### ProQuest increases fee to register your copyright

When you file your dissertation, you can choose to have ProQuest/UMI register your copyright for you. The option of copyrighting your dissertation is discussed in detail on the Graduate Degrees web page, "Publishing Your Dissertation" ([http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/policies/dissertation\\_publish.shtml](http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/policies/dissertation_publish.shtml)). ProQuest increased the fee charged for this service to \$65 as of July 1, 2006. Please note that ProQuest will accept only a certified check or a money order (no personal checks).

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### GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

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

### Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program for Fiscal Year 2007

The Javits Fellowship provides up to four years of support for graduate study at the doctoral or Master of Fine Arts level in a selected field of the arts, humanities, or social sciences. Eligibility is limited to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Applications are available on the Javits Fellowship Program website (<http://www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/>). The fellowship application deadline is **October 6, 2006**. If you have questions, email or call Carol Rachwald, [rachwald@berkeley.edu](mailto:rachwald@berkeley.edu), (510) 643-7477.

### DAAD German Academic Exchange Service Study Scholarships and Research Grants

The DAAD (*Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst*) offers research grants and study scholarships for UC Berkeley undergraduate seniors, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers (two years or less beyond the Ph.D.) to undertake up to 10 months of study and research in Germany during the 2007–2008 academic year. University deadlines: **October 19** for fine arts, dance, and performing music; **November 1** for all others. Applications must be downloaded from the DAAD website (<http://www.daad.org>) and submitted to the Graduate Fellowships Office (316 Sproul Hall). For more information, contact Michael Sacramento (642-7739, [msacramento@berkeley.edu](mailto:msacramento@berkeley.edu)).

### President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (PPFP) for 2007–2008

This program was established in 1984 to encourage outstanding women and minority Ph.D. recipient to pursue academic careers at the University of California. The current program offers postdoctoral research fellowships and faculty mentoring to qualified scholars committed to university careers in research, teaching, and service that will enhance the diversity of the academic community at UC. For fellowships in the humanities, arts, social sciences and professions, the program prefers candidates whose research emphasizes issues such as diversity, multi-culturalism and communities underserved by traditional academic research. For fellowships in

mathematics, engineering, life science and physical science, the program prefers candidates with a demonstrated record of mentoring or outreach activities that promote access and opportunity in higher education. Fellowships are awarded for research conducted under faculty sponsorship on any one of the 10 UC campuses. Ten to 20 postdoctoral fellowships are awarded every year. The annual award is for \$40,000 to 50,000, depending on the field and level of experience. The award includes stipend, health, vision and dental benefits, and up to \$4,000 for research-related expenses. Each award is for a 12-month period, renewable for one year upon demonstration of academic productivity and participation in program events. Fellowships are awarded through competitions open to citizens and permanent residents of the United States. Applications from qualified persons are accepted and reviewed without regard to race, gender, or ethnicity. Only those who anticipate completion of their Ph.D. degrees by July 1, 2007 should apply. The online application is available at the PFPF website (<http://www.ucop.edu/acadadv/ppfp/>). Application deadline is **November 1, 2006**. For further information, contact Kimberly Adkinson by phone (987-9503) or email ([kim.adkinson@ucop.edu](mailto:kim.adkinson@ucop.edu)).

#### **Travel grants for Nano and Giga Challenges (NGC) 2007 presenters**

Selected applicants will receive \$700 to cover registration and part of the travel costs to the NGC conference in Phoenix, Arizona, March 12 to 16, 2007. Applicants must be graduate students working in a related scientific and/or engineering field at the time of the conference. Underrepresented students are strongly urged to apply. Applications and more details are available online (<http://ngc2007.asu.edu/awards.shtml>). The deadline for applications is **November 1, 2006**.

#### **Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Grants**

For full-time dissertation research overseas in modern foreign language and area studies by U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Funding is for six to 12 months. Grants are not awarded for projects focusing on Western Europe or for research in countries where the U.S. has no diplomatic representation. More information on Fulbright-Hays DDRA grants is available online (<http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/index.html>). The application will be available there October 10. Applications must be downloaded from the Fulbright-Hays website and submitted online, with a copy sent to the Graduate Fellowships Office (316 Sproul Hall). **The UCB application deadline is November 2, 2006** For more information, contact Carol Rachwald (642-7477, [rachwald@berkeley.edu](mailto:rachwald@berkeley.edu)).

#### **The Winston Churchill Foundation Scholarship**

With this scholarship, outstanding students of exceptional ability and outstanding achievement have the opportunity to pursue graduate studies in engineering, mathematics, or the sciences at Churchill College, the University of Cambridge. The Churchill award covers all University and College tuition and fees. In addition, students receive a living allowance of £9,000 if enrolled in a nine-month academic program and £10,000 if enrolled in a full-year academic program. They also receive a travel allowance of \$1,000. Married students who are accompanied by their spouses receive an additional allowance of £500. To be eligible for nomination you must be a U.S. citizen between the ages of 19 and 26, hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from an accredited college or university in the United States, and be currently enrolled at UC Berkeley. More detailed information about the program is available online (<http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org/Scholarships.html>), as is the application ([http://www.uspapplications.org/forms/churchill/application\\_2006/](http://www.uspapplications.org/forms/churchill/application_2006/)). Applications must be received in the Graduate Fellowships Office, 316 Sproul Hall by Friday, **November 3, 2006** (Note: this is an earlier deadline than the one found online). Every year Berkeley's two top candidates are nominated to the Churchill Foundation Screening Committee.

#### **National Physical Science Consortium (NPSC) Fellowships**

The NPSC offers Ph.D.-track graduate fellowships in the physical sciences and related engineering fields. They are open to all eligible students with emphasis on recruiting historically underrepresented minority and women students physical sciences and engineering. In the traditional NPSC fellowship, initial support may be for two or three years, or for a full six years, depending on the employer-sponsor. If the initial support is for the shorter period, it may be extended up to six years at the discretion of the employer. Students typically apply while seniors in college for this award. The NPSC Dissertation Support Program covers the period of dissertation research and defense, up to a maximum of four years. The application deadline is November 6, 2006. More information is available online (<http://www.npsc.org/>).

#### **Paul J. Alexander Memorial Fellowship for Spring 2007**

The Paul J. Alexander Memorial Fellowship was established for the study of Byzantine, ancient, and medieval history. Advanced doctoral Berkeley graduate students studying in the general area of ancient history during

the Spring 2007 semester are invited to apply. The award amount is approximately \$3,000. A student can receive this award only once during his or her academic career. Applications are available at 316 Sproul Hall or on the web (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/pdf/alexander.pdf>). Submit your completed application and supporting documents to the Graduate Fellowships Office, 316 Sproul Hall #5900, Berkeley, CA 94720-5900. The application deadline is Monday, November 13, 2006.

### **Elizabeth Roboz Einstein Fellowship in Neurosciences and Human Development Spring 2007**

This fellowship was established in recognition of the distinguished work of Dr. Elizabeth Roboz Einstein, a leading pioneer in the field of neurochemistry. Two awards of approximately \$5,000 will be made. Applications are invited from doctoral candidates in the neurosciences relating to human development. Applicants are expected to have demonstrated distinguished scholarship, as well as the ability to conduct research at an advanced level. Applications are available at 316 Sproul Hall or online (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/pdf/einstein.pdf>). Submit your complete application and supporting documents to the Graduate Fellowships Office, 316 Sproul Hall #5900, Berkeley, CA 94720-5900. The application deadline is Monday, November 13, 2006.

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## **GRADUATE POLICY**

The short section that follows consists of updates to the *Guide to Graduate Policy*, an online publication of the Graduate Division. The changes are important, hence this early placement in *eGrad*, and are primarily of interest to Graduate Advisers, the faculty members who are responsible for the academic advising of graduate students. However, graduate assistants and graduate student affairs officers, and graduate students may also find the guide useful.

The changes incorporate several corrections and a consolidation, but in the main reflect link addresses which changed after the launch of our updated and reorganized website.

### **Updates for the Guide to Graduate Policy (formerly Graduate Studies Handbook)**

The list below contains the most recent updates to the guide. A complete list of updates is available in Chapter N of the online guide (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/policies/guide.shtml>).

**September 1, 2006** – Chapter D. Registration and Exchange Programs. **Replace page D6.** Correction in “Reduced Nonresident Tuition” section: Effective fall 2006....receive a 100 percent reduction....

Chapter F. Degrees. **Replace page F14.** Correction in “F4.2 Reduction in Nonresident Tuition” section, first sentence: ....advanced to candidacy for the doctorate receive 100 percent reduction....

**September 17, 2006** – Chapter L. Appendices. This chapter is now in one file. **No content or policy revisions.**

**September 18, 2006** – Various updates throughout the guide to **link addresses only** that were changed due to the launch of our updated website. **No policy revisions were made.** These pages were updated: B11, D4, D6, D10, E8, F3, F4, F6, F7, F9, F12, F13, F15, F17, F24, F25, H1, H4, and H5.

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## **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.

**OCTOBER 5 (Thursday)**

**Lunch Poems — Les Murray**

12:10 to 12:50 p.m., Morrison Library

With great linguistic delicacy, renowned Australian poet and critic Les Murray writes poetry steeped in the mores of a youth spent among the rural poor. The result is a vigorous, earthy, and political body of work wide-ranging in subject matter and outspoken in its moral indignation.

Lunch Poems is a noontime poetry reading series under the direction of Professor Robert Hass.

OCTOBER 6 (Friday)

**Noontime Discussion: James Fallows, author of *Blind into Baghdad***

12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Library of North Gate Hall, Hearst Avenue at Euclid Avenue

**James Fallows**, national correspondent for *The Atlantic Monthly* and a former teaching fellow at the Graduate School of Journalism, will discuss his new book. He'll be introduced by the school's dean, **Orville Schell**.

OCTOBER 6 , 7, and 8 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)

**Homecoming** — Schedule and other information are available online (<http://homecoming.berkeley.edu/>).

**THROUGH OCTOBER 8**

**Exhibit: Edith Irvine's Photographs of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake**

Library of North Gate Hall, Hearst Avenue at Euclid Avenue

Twenty-two-year-old Edith Irvine arrived in San Francisco by boat from Stockton on the morning of April 18, 1906, only hours after the earthquake. Over several days she recorded more than 60 stunning images of the aftermath of the earthquake and fire, some disturbing and some reminders of hope and human perseverance. Her family story says she "commandeered an abandoned baby buggy" for her photographic equipment and took pictures for several days. This is the first time these images have been displayed in California. Her full collection was donated to Brigham Young University. The exhibit is presented here by: the Graduate School of Journalism, Dr. William Griffin, Calaveras County Historical Society, Mokelumne Hill Community Trust, Mokelumne Hill Friends of the Library, and the Calaveras County Arts Council. Edith's great uncle James founded a massive ranch in Orange County, 1,500 acres of which became the site of UC's Irvine campus.

OCTOBER 10 and 11 (Wednesday and Thursday)

**Charles M. and Martha Hitchcock Lectures** — "What Is Our Universe Like in the Large, and How Did It Get that Way?"

**P. James E. Peebles**, Albert Einstein Professor of Science, Emeritus, Princeton University

- Wednesday: "Exploring the Large-Scale Nature of the Universe"
- Thursday: "Triumphs and Challenges for Modern Cosmology"

4:10 p.m., Chevron Auditorium, International House, 2299 Piedmont Avenue. Admission is free, no tickets required. P. James E. Peebles is one of the world's foremost cosmologists. For over 40 years, his research and foresight have helped to transform cosmology into a focused and rapidly advancing science. Peebles laid the foundations for many modern cosmological investigations by predicting the existence of cosmic background radiation, popularizing the notion of "dark matter" in the universe, and developing a theory of how the universe evolved into galaxies. He also pioneered statistical tests to track and quantify the motions of matter in the cosmos. More information on the event is available by phone (643-7413) and online (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/lectures/>)

OCTOBER 11 (Wednesday)

**Graduate Diversity Program Brown Bag Series** — "How to Establish and Manage the Advisor/Advisee Relationship"

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

**Carla Trujillo**, Director, Graduate Diversity Program.

**Campus Student Parent Forum: Noon Brown Bag Discussion**

Noon to 1 p.m., ASUC Senate chambers, first floor, Eshleman Hall (See below under Graduate Assembly for more details)

**Fourth annual "Cal for the Cure" Campus Walk for Breast Cancer**

12:10 to 1 p.m., starting at the Campanile (south side). Students, staff, and faculty are invited to join a 20-minute walk, led by the Health\*Matters Walking Group leaders, to honor colleagues, friends, loved ones, and others who have been touched by breast cancer. The event also raises awareness of the importance of early detection and healthy eating and exercise to reduce the risk of getting breast cancer. The walk will be followed by light refreshments, a short performance by the UC Berkeley Men's Octet and an activity to personalize early detection cards to share with co-workers and friends. No enrollment is required

OCTOBER 12 (Thursday)

**University Village Student Parent Forum**

7 to 9 p.m., Four Corners Room, University Village Community Center, 1126 Jackson Street, Albany. (See below under Graduate Assembly for more details)

OCTOBER 14 (Saturday)  
**Graduate Women's Restorative Yoga Workshop**  
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 251 Hearst Gymnasium

OCTOBER 17 (Tuesday)  
**Photo Exhibit Opening and Lecture: "9-11 Aftermath"**  
Exhibit: 5 to 6:30 p.m., North Gate Hall Gallery  
Lecture: 6:30 p.m., Sibley Auditorium  
Photographer **Joel Meyerowitz** will discuss his book, *Aftermath: World Trade Center Archives*, which commemorates the fifth anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center as well as his life-changing experience photographing Ground Zero.

OCTOBER 18 (Wednesday)  
**Berkeley Writers at Work Forum — Elaine Kim**  
Noon to 1:30 p.m., Morrison Library, 101 Doe Library  
Elaine Kim, a professor of Asian American Studies in the Department of Ethnic Studies, will read from her works, be interviewed about her writing process, and answer questions from the audience. Kim, who received her Ph.D. in education from this campus, is the author of many articles and the editor of important anthologies of Asian and Asian American literature and culture.

OCTOBER 18 (Wednesday)  
**Know Your Library Workshop — "Government Publications and Statistical Data"**  
1 to 2:30 p.m., 350C Moffitt Library. No registration required. More information is available by phone (643-9959) and online ([http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Instruction/know\\_your\\_library.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Instruction/know_your_library.html)).

OCTOBER 19 (Thursday)  
**Workshop on Teaching — "Using Digital Images in Teaching"**  
12:30 to 2 p.m., Humanities Microcomputer Facility, 212 Wheeler Hall  
Presented by the GSI Teaching and Resource Center

OCTOBER 19 (Thursday)  
**Panel Discussion — "The Washington Post at War"**  
7 to 9 p.m., Wheeler Auditorium. Free for UC Berkeley students with ID; \$5 for general admission.  
A panel of reporters and editors from *The Washington Post* will discuss their experiences covering Iraq. The panel includes Rajiv Chandrasekaran, former Iraq bureau chief and author of *Imperial Life in Emerald City*; Steven Fainaru, a 2006 Pulitzer Prize finalist for his Iraq coverage; Post stringer Omar Fekeiki; and Jackie Spinner, Post staff writer, former Iraq correspondent, and author of *Tell Them I Didn't Cry: A Young Journalist's Story of Joy, Loss, and Survival in Iraq.* Ticket information is available online (<http://tickets.berkeley.edu>); event information is available by phone (643-3840) or email ([caelyc@berkeley.edu](mailto:caelyc@berkeley.edu)).

OCTOBER 20 (Friday)  
**Workshop — "Covering Private Companies and Nonprofits"**  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Library of North Gate Hall, Hearst Avenue at Euclid Avenue  
A free one-day business journalism workshop covering critical areas such as regulatory filings, financial disclosure and gaining insight into how effectively companies and organizations are being run. Registration is required and closes one week prior to the workshop. More information about the event and registration is available online (<http://journalism.berkeley.edu/events/details.php?ID=337>).

OCTOBER 23 (Monday)  
**Graduate Social Club Oktoberfest**  
7 to 10 p.m., Toll Room and Patio, Alumni House  
(See below under Graduate Assembly for more details)

OCTOBER 23 (Monday)  
**Deadline for *qui parle* editorial board applications**  
Graduate students throughout the humanities and social sciences with an interest in academic publishing are invited to apply for positions on the editorial board of UC Berkeley's journal of critical theory and interdisciplinary studies. Minimum commitment is two semesters. Applicants should familiarize themselves with recent

issues (available in Doe Library), then send a cover letter, CV, and polished academic writing sample (up to 15 pages) to *qui parle*, Attention: Editors, The Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities, 220 Stephens Hall, UC Berkeley 94720-2340. Contact Sarah Wells ([sabwells@berkeley.edu](mailto:sabwells@berkeley.edu)) with questions or concerns.

**OCTOBER 24** (Tuesday)

**Depression Screening Day and Address Your Stress Festival**

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Martin Luther King Junior Student Union. (See below under University Health Service for more details)

**OCTOBER 25** (Wednesday)

**Graduate Diversity Program Brown Bag Series — “Money and Graduate School”**

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

**Moira Perez**, former director of the Graduate Fellowships Office, and **John Choppy**, associate director of the Financial Aid Office

**OCTOBER 26** (Thursday)

**Know Your Library Workshop — “Managing Bibliographies: Introduction to EndNote”**

3 to 5 p.m., 350C Moffitt Library. No registration required. More information is available by phone (643-9959) and online ([http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Instruction/know\\_your\\_library.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Instruction/know_your_library.html)).

**OCTOBER 30** (Monday)

**Workshop on Teaching — “Teaching Critical Thinking”**

Noon to 1:30 p.m., 166 Barrows Hall

Presented by the GSI Teaching and Resource Center

**NOVEMBER 2** (Thursday)

**Lunch Poems — Will Alexander**

12:10 to 12:50 p.m., Morrison Library

Will Alexander has created a contemporary alchemy of surrealist vision in his own electric incandescent language. His latest collection has been called “an exuberant excursion into the hyperreality of the cosmos.” A poet, novelist, essayist, and educator, Alexander lives in Los Angeles. Lunch Poems is a noontime poetry reading series under the direction of Professor Robert Hass.

**NOVEMBER 6** (Monday)

**Women’s Poetry Series: “Poetry is Not a Luxury: Celebrating Women’s Creativity”**

6 to 8 p.m., 5125 Dwinelle Hall (fifth floor, Spanish and Portuguese Library), with reception to follow. Featured writer: **Carla Trujillo**, whose “day job” is Director of the Graduate Diversity Program, but is also author of the novel *What Night Brings*, which has won numerous literary prizes, and is the editor of two other books, *Chicana Lesbians*, *The Girls Our Mothers Warned Us About* and *Living Chicana Theory*. Presented by the Graduate Women’s Project and the Women of Color Initiative. (See below under Graduate Assembly for more details)

**NOVEMBER 14** (Tuesday)

**Know Your Library Workshop — “Managing Bibliographies: Introduction to EndNote”**

3 to 5 p.m., 350C Moffitt Library. No registration required. More information is available by phone (643-9959) and online ([http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Instruction/know\\_your\\_library.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Instruction/know_your_library.html)).

**NOVEMBER 15** (Wednesday)

**Graduate Diversity Program Brown Bag Series — “Demystifying the Academic Job Search: How to Get Started and What to Expect”**

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

**Carla Trujillo**, Director, Graduate Diversity Program.

**NOVEMBER 16** (Thursday)

**Workshop on Teaching — “From GSI to Professor: Getting a Head Start at Professionalism”**

12:30 to 2 p.m., 242 Hearst Gymnasium

Presented by the GSI Teaching and Resource Center

NOVEMBER 23 and 24 (Thursday and Friday) — Thanksgiving Holiday

NOVEMBER 29 (Wednesday)

Graduate Diversity Program Brown Bag Series — “Strategies for Survival: Race and Gender in the Academy”  
Noon to 1 p.m., Tilden Room, fifth floor, Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union  
UC Berkeley faculty members

DECEMBER 8 (Friday) — Instruction ends

DECEMBER 12 - 19 — Final exams

DECEMBER 19

Deadline for dissertations and theses  
Fall semester ends

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## **GRADUATE ASSEMBLY (GA)**

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

### **Are you a student and a parent?**

Under the umbrella of the Graduate Assembly, which has made the concerns of student families a priority area of focus and action for this academic year, a student parent working group has been formed and seeks your ideas and enthusiasm. As a first step, you're invited to take part in two upcoming forums:

#### **Campus Student Parent Forum: Noon Brown Bag Discussion**

October 11, noon to 1 p.m., ASUC Senate chambers, first floor, Eshleman Hall

#### **University Village Student Parent Forum**

October 12, 7 to 9 p.m., Four Corners Room, University Village Community Center, 1126 Jackson Street, Albany

If you would like to participate in periodic meetings of the Working Group on Concerns of Graduate Student Families, send a message to the GA's academic affairs vice-president, Mariyam A. Cementwala at both of these email addresses ([aavp@ga.berkeley.edu](mailto:aavp@ga.berkeley.edu) and [mac8aries@aol.com](mailto:mac8aries@aol.com)).

### **Graduate Social Club Oktoberfest**

October 23 (Monday), 7 to 10 p.m., Toll Room and patio, Alumni House (along Strawberry Creek just north of Zellerbach Playhouse). Beer and brats! Admission \$3, includes beer and up to two Top Dog hot dogs (veggie dogs available). What to bring: UC graduate ID and proof of age.

### **Graduate Women's Restorative Yoga Workshop**

October 14 (Saturday), 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 251 Hearst Gymnasium.

Space is limited: Reservations are required, and may be made by email ([gwp@ga.berkeley.edu](mailto:gwp@ga.berkeley.edu)).

### **Women's Poetry Series: "Poetry is Not a Luxury: Celebrating Women's Creativity"**

November 6 (Monday), 6 to 8 p.m., 5125 Dwinelle Hall (fifth floor, Spanish and Portuguese Library), with reception to follow.

Open to graduate women, faculty and staff. Read from your own work in any genre, or from your favorite female poet or author, or just celebrate female creativity! The featured writer will be novelist **Carla Trujillo**. Refreshments will be provided. Presented by the Graduate Women's Project and the Women of Color Initiative.

### **Graduate Women's Resource Guide republished**

The new guide has all the resources available for women on the Berkeley campus and in the surrounding community, including health clinics, self-defense studios, bookstores, and businesses that are owned and operated by women. Stop by and pick one up at the Graduate Assembly headquarters in Anthony Hall (across the road from Barrows) or send an email request ([gwp@ga.berkeley.edu](mailto:gwp@ga.berkeley.edu)) to receive a copy through campus mail. The guide will be available online (<http://ga.berkeley.edu/projects/gradwomen.php>) soon.

## PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE (PFA)

([http://www.bampfa.berkeley.edu/pfa\\_programs/](http://www.bampfa.berkeley.edu/pfa_programs/))

Check the PFA website for details on the many films being shown in October. Ready to shiver your timbers? There's a series called *Arrr, Matey: Pirates and Piracy*, with swashbuckling and modern meanings, that includes *A High Wind in Jamaica*, the German female pirate yarn *Madame X*, *An Absolute Ruler*, the comedy-action hybrid *The Pirates of the Great Salt Lake*, and China's *Pirated Copy*. Also punctuating the month are nine films in the series *Ousmane Sembene: Pioneer of African Cinema*, supported by UC Berkeley's Center for African Studies and the African American Museum and Library of Oakland. The Senegalese director was well known as a novelist before turning to filmmaking at age 40. His development reflects the growing pains of Senegal as it came into its own as an independent nation. The films include his Cannes award-winning first feature, *Black Girl*, to 2004's *Moolaade*, which won the Grand Prize at Cannes.

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## UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES (UHS)

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

### Depression Screening Day and Address Your Stress Festival

The annual campus Depression Screening Day — this year on Tuesday, October 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Student Union — will have a new component: an *Address Your Stress Festival*. For those concerned about depression, free screenings and followup with a mental health professional will be available in the Pauley Ballroom. For anyone and everyone interested in stress reduction activities, there will be a variety of activities in the Kerr Lounge, including mini art classes presented by the ASUC, free massages, relaxation and mood management information, and free phone cards (as in: *Improve your mood...call a friend*). As always, there also will be a booth on Sproul Plaza with information and giveaways. The event is sponsored by University Health Services. More information is available online (<http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu/>) or by phone (642-7202).

### Ever wonder how other grad students manage grad school and clinical depression at the same time?

The Cal-STEPS Depression Awareness and Suicide Prevention Project is planning an encore presentation of last year's panel discussion of grad students who have found ways to handle school and mental health concerns. The project is looking for additional speakers to share their personal stories. We're looking to represent the diversity of our campus — all students are encouraged to volunteer, especially international and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, or questioning (LGBTQIQ) students. If you have been treated for depression and would like find out how you can help others by sharing your perspective, please contact Peggy Yang at [peggyang@uhs.berkeley.edu](mailto:peggyang@uhs.berkeley.edu) or call 643-4818.

### Join the Graduate Mental Health Advisory Committee

Help the campus build a healthier graduate student community — join the Graduate Mental Health Advisory Committee, coordinated by University Health Services – Tang Center. This group advises on UC 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. Two committee members are being recruited for the 2006–2007 academic year, one graduate student from the humanities and one graduate student from the social sciences. Meetings are monthly on Monday mornings, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Interested? Email Dr. Susan bell ([suebell@uhs.berkeley.edu](mailto:suebell@uhs.berkeley.edu))

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## UCTV

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

### Highlights of programs available in Berkeley during October

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/>).

“The Quest for Consciousness: A Neurobiological Approach” — During a celebrated, sixteen-year collaboration with Francis Crick, co-discoverer of DNA, acclaimed biologist **Christof 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 of this quest — that the relationship between consciousness and neural systems can be approached using the modern tools of neurobiology. This program comes from a Foerster Lecture on the Immortality of the Soul, presented by the Graduate Division and the Academic Senate's Academic Council.

“National Security, the War on Terror, and the Constitution” is a forum presented by the Institute of Governmental Studies. It brings together a wide range of constitutional scholars, historians, and political scientists to evaluate and debate the impact 9/11 has had and continues to have on the American constitution.

Honoring the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, “Consequences of the War on Terrorism” features billionaire activist **George Soros**, **Mark Danner** and **Lowell Bergman** of the journalism faculty, and **Christopher Edley**, dean of the school of law. Journalism Dean **Orville Schell** moderates.

“CNS News” is produced by students in the Graduate School of Journalism. In the episode called “A Tear in the Fabric,” the segments are “Indianola,” “Defining Normal,” “Snow,” and “Feminine Mystique.” Another episode, “India,” contains three segments; “A Pound of Flesh,” “The Heart of Mumbai,” and “Captain Lakshmi.” The episode called “Global Reactions” consists of segments named “This is Also Denmark,” “Pearl of Siberia,” and “Reflections.” Two volumes of the magazine show “Cutaways” are on this month; volume 3 (with “Choques Politicos,” “Illegal Dreams,” “Daddy’s Home,” and “Leap of Faith”) and volume 4 (with stories on “Banlieue Blues” in France and the Tangata Whenua of New Zealand).

“Conversations with History” is hosted by **Harry Kreisler**, whose four guests cover highly topical subjects. In “Islam and Democracy” Iranian journalist and human rights activist **Akbar Ganji** discusses the Iranian revolution, the problem of establishing democracy in Islamic societies, power, and U.S.-Iranian relations. In “Trapped in the War on Terror,” University of Pennsylvania political scientist **Ian S. Lustick** talks about the assumptions underlying the war, its consequences for domestic politics, and its implications for Al Qaeda’s long-term strategy. *Washington Post* columnist **Michael Kinsley** reflects on his career in journalism, including his role as the founding editor of *Slate* and his recent job as editor of the *Los Angeles Times* editorial pages, and how technology and markets are transforming journalism in “Journalism in the Digital Age.” Historian and classicist **Victor Davis Hanson**, in “Iraq and the Lessons of the Peloponnesian War,” talks about imperial ambition, the conflict between civilizations, and military power as an instrument to achieve democratization in the struggle between modernity and tradition.

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:

Over 1,000 hours of UCTV’s 30- to 90-minute television programs will be available to Internet users as part of Google Video (<http://video.google.com/>), an online video database, boosting the educational component of that resource. When uploading is complete, the total is expected to rise to more than 2,000 hours, so finding and free viewing of UCTV shows will be 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 NOVEMBER

News and other items for the November 2006 issue of *eGrad* are due Monday, **October 16**. Please send your information to [gradpub@berkeley.edu](mailto:gradpub@berkeley.edu). Submissions may be edited for length, clarity, and accuracy.