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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Graduate Students,

This is Graduate Admissions month. As you'll recall from the recent past, you completed your application to Cal in the fall. You waited over the holiday season and, sometime in January or February, received a long-anticipated letter offering you admission. What happened in between? Nearly 30,000 hopeful applicants applied for about 2,600 places. All of those applications were vetted in Graduate Division for completeness, GPA verification, credentials from international universities if needed, and so on — and then were forwarded to 105 admissions committees, where professors in each graduate department and group pored over the applications, read the letters, studied the statements, and carefully, sometimes painfully, chose you over many qualified applicants. For Ph.D. students, faculty undertook a second round of difficult decisions regarding fellowships and other financial support packages, including teaching and research positions.

Then we waited for you to respond to our offer. Most students enthusiastically accept the offer from Berkeley. For the Ph.D. programs, about 58 percent of applicants — most of whom receive multiple offers from other distinguished universities such as Stanford and Harvard — choose Berkeley if our financial package was within \$1,000 dollars of another offer. In many of the professional schools, the acceptance rate is even higher.

You are a select group. You were chosen with care and attention by the faculty as the best of many applicants. I hope that the mutual choice made by you and the faculty is proving to be a good investment — for it is an important investment in the future. Berkeley graduates make their mark around the world, as I know you will.

Mary Ann Mason
Dean of the Graduate Division

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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

California Sea Grant College Offers Four Fellowship Programs

The California Sea Grant College is now soliciting applications for the following graduate fellowship programs for 2006. Formal announcements of the RFPs have been published in the Federal Register and the complete Full Funding Opportunity can be accessed by the links provided in the California Sea Grant website (<http://www.csgc.ucsd.edu/EDUCATION/SgEducationIndx.html>) or the National Sea Grant website (<http://www.seagrants.noaa.gov/funding/rfp2006.html>).

National Marine Fisheries Service - Sea Grant Joint Graduate Fellowship Program in Population Dynamics. Two new Ph.D. fellowships each year. Applications are due **February 10, 2006**.

National Marine Fisheries Service - Sea Grant Joint Graduate Fellowship Program in Marine Resource Economics. Two new Ph.D. fellowships each year. Applications are due **February 10, 2006**.

Sea Grant Industry Fellowship Program. Up to five new fellowships for graduate students in M.S. or Ph.D. programs. Applications are due **February 10, 2006**.

Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship. Provides educational experience in the policies and processes of the legislative and executive branches of the federal government to graduate students in marine and aquatic-related fields. Applications are due **March 1, 2006**.

California Sea Grant College Requests Proposals

The California Sea Grant College is now soliciting preliminary proposals for projects to begin February 1, 2007. Faculty and academic staff members from universities throughout California are invited to apply. The program is moving in a new strategic direction, and, in recognition of anticipated opportunities, will be focusing on new integrated themes. These include: healthy marine ecosystems; sustainable resource use; sustainable coastal communities; new technologies; education, training, and public information. One of the purposes of the California Sea Grant is to provide education and training for graduate students by participation in high-quality research activities. Graduate student research traineeships can be requested on the application form. Full

information is available online (<http://www.csgc.ucsd.edu/>) and should be read thoroughly; applicants under certain funding mechanisms must contact the California Sea Grant director before applying. Applications are due by 5 p.m. **March 1, 2006**.

Fellowships for Intensive Advanced Turkish Language Study in Istanbul, Turkey

For summer 2006, the American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) will offer full travel and fellowships for ten advanced students who will participate in a program of advanced Turkish language at Bogasici University in Istanbul, the equivalent of one full academic year of study in Turkish at the college level. Information on the program and its eligibility requirements is available online (<http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/ARIT/ARITSummerLanguageProgram.htm>). Program dates are June 21 to August 11. The application deadline is **February 15, 2006**.

Curriculum Development Grants in the Arts

The Consortium for the Arts and Art Research Center at UC Berkeley announce curriculum development grants for courses in academic year 2006–2007 that will consider the issue of *time and the arts*. Curriculum development grants of \$750 are available to graduate student instructors or faculty who wish to develop courses that will explore this topic using arts resources available on campus. To be eligible for grant funding, proposed courses must involve materials from at least two artistic media; whenever possible, draw in some significant measure on the existing art resources at Berkeley (e.g. Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive, Cal Performances, Department of Music performances, etc.); and address the challenge of writing about the arts in addition to issues raised by the arts themselves. Preference will be given to courses that have not been offered at Berkeley in the past, or that represent significant modifications of pre-existing courses. Team-taught or interdepartmental courses are encouraged, though not required. The application deadline is **February 28, 2006**. For complete details, email Associate Director Michele Rabkin (micheler@berkeley.edu).

White Mountain Research Station Research Awards

Awards of up to \$2,000 per year for thesis research are provided by the UC White Mountain Research Station (WMRS) for work taking place in the White-Inyo Range, nearby eastern Sierra Nevada, or Owens Valley. Recipients are expected to be in residence at the station for some part of their research so they can interact with other researchers and students. WMRS Fellowships are highly sought-after awards intended to support outstanding science. Further details and the 2006 fellowship application are available online (<http://www.wmrs.edu/>), by calling (858) 822-1065, or via e-mail (bfager@ucsd.edu). The deadline for applications and all associated materials is **March 1, 2006**.

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 the Graduate Fellowships office: (shaya@berkeley.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 (February 22, 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 \$1,000 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, 2005**. 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>).

New Course for Graduate Students: Mentoring in Higher Education, Spring 2006

Instructor: **Linda von Hoene, Ph.D.**, Director, GSI Teaching and Resource Center

Course Number: Langpro 301; Course Control Number: 49115

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

The course will enable graduate students to:

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

The seminar will meet eight times during the semester beginning on Tuesday, February 7 and ending on May 9. Students will be expected to complete assignments and readings for each session and will be required to mentor undergraduates through the ASUC graduate/undergraduate mentoring program. In consultation with the instructor, students may opt to mentor an undergraduate outside of the framework of the ASUC program. To pass the course, students will need to attend all sessions, complete the readings and other assignments, mentor an undergraduate, and actively participate in class sessions. The class is offered on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. *Class Meeting Dates* — The class will meet from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in 331 Sproul Hall on the following Tuesdays: February 7, 21, 28; March 7, 21; April , 11, 25; and May 9.

Position Available:

25-percent-time Graduate Student Researcher

The Graduate Division's GSI Teaching and Resource Center is seeking a graduate student, advanced to candidacy and with a minimum of one year of UC Berkeley teaching experience, to join its staff as a 25-percent-time GSR (10 hrs per week) for the spring 2006 semester. The GSR will be responsible for conducting research for and further developing the GSI Center website.

Qualifications: Solid experience with and knowledge of Dreamweaver or similar web-editing software. Experience with and knowledge of Photoshop, Fireworks, or similar graphics program. Understanding of image compression and sizing issues for websites. Ability to envision, revise, and put into practice complex navigational schemes for a large-scale website. Excellent writing and interpersonal skills, and experience with collaborative projects.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter describing their qualifications for the position and the contribution they believe they would make to the work of the center. The letter should be accompanied by a current *curriculum vitae*. Deadline for applications is **February 13, 2006**. Questions about the position and application materials should be sent to: Linda von Hoene, Ph.D., Director, GSI Teaching and Resource Center, University of California, Berkeley, 301 Sproul Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-5900, or via email (vonhoene@berkeley.edu).

Summer Institute for Preparing Future Faculty

This fourth annual Summer Institute is designed to enable graduate students to excel in all aspects of academic life as they pursue an advanced degree at Berkeley and make the transition from graduate school to academic careers. If you're nearing the end of your graduate program and beginning to prepare for the academic job market, you're encouraged to apply. Thirty students will be selected to be Institute Fellows for the program, which takes place May 24 through June 28, 2006. The application deadline is **March 1, 2006**. The program announcement, application guidelines, and forms are available online (http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/gsi/pdf/summer_institute.pdf). If you have questions, contact the GSI Teaching and Resource Center by email (gsi@berkeley.edu) or phone (510) 642-4456.

Quote from a former Institute Fellow: "*Now that I have a clearer idea of what's required, the task seems less daunting. Clarifying my goals has also energized me in my graduate research, and given me ideas for goals in my post-doctoral work to make the transition to faculty member easier.*" More quotes can be found online (http://gsi.berkeley.edu/conf_wkshop/2006_Testimonials.pdf).

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.

FEBRUARY 10 (Friday)

"Should Coal Be King? Confronting the Human and Environmental Costs"

7 to 8:30 p.m., 105 North Gate Hall — Opening of the new exhibit, "Coal Hollow" with photographs by **Ken Light** (adjunct professor of journalism and director of the Center for Photography) and oral histories by **Melanie Light**. Followed by a reception, book signing (*Coal Hollow*, on which the exhibit is based), and panel discussion with **Barbara Freese**, author of *Coal: A Human History*, **Daniel Kammen**, professor of public policy and energy and resources, and **Melanie Light**. Admission is free. More information is available online (<http://journalism.berkeley.edu/events/details.php?ID=269>).

FEBRUARY 11 (Saturday)

Second Annual Bridging the Gap Conference: "Redefining Reparations with the Hip Hop Nation"

9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pauley Ballroom, Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union — **Davey D**, Hip Hop historian, journalist, deejay, community activist, and UC Berkeley alumnus, is the featured speaker. Workshops, discussions, free food, live music from local middle- and high school students, panelists from more than a dozen organizations. Register, and find more information, online (<http://www.struggle4reparations.com/about.html>). Sponsored by the Graduate Assembly's Graduate Minority Students' Project.

FEBRUARY 13 (Monday)**“Sweatshop Workers Speak to Berkeley”**

6 to 8 p.m., FSM Cafe at Moffitt Library — Have you ever thought about where your clothes were made? If the workers were treated fairly? Three workers — **Phannara Duangdej** from Thailand, **Branice Linugu Musavi** from Kenya, and **Siti Malika** from Indonesia — relate their experiences working in the global garment industry, followed by a discussion. All are welcome. Admission, snacks, and beverages are free. Limited seating; arrive early. Sponsored by UC Berkeley Students Organizing for Justice in the Americas, Students for Labor Solidarity, and the International and Area Studies Student Association.

FEBRUARY 20 (Monday) — Presidents’ Day holiday**FEBRUARY 22 (Wednesday)****Workshop on Teaching — “Assessing Teaching and Learning”**

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

FEBRUARY 28, MARCH 1 and 2**Tanner Lectures on Human Values**

Toll Room, Alumni House — **Allan Gibbard**, professor of philosophy, University of Michigan, with commentary by **Michael E. Bratman**, professor of humanities, sciences, and philosophy, Stanford University; **John Broome**, professor of moral philosophy, Corpus Christi College, Oxford University; and **Frances Kamm**, professor of philosophy and public policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Allan Gibbard has made vital contributions to the field of ethical theory, particularly to the study of meta-ethics.

“Thinking How to Live Together”

Lecture 1: *“Insight, Consistency, and Plans for Living”*

Tuesday, February 28, 4:10 to 6:30 p.m.

Lecture 2: *“Living Together: Economic and Moral Argument”*

Wednesday, March 1, 4:10 to 6:30 p.m.

Seminar and Discussion with commentators

Thursday, March 2, 4:10 - 6:30 p.m.

Admission is free and no tickets are required. For further information contact Ellen Gobler by email (lectures@berkeley.edu), or phone (510-643-7413), or visit the Tanner Lectures website (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/tanner/>)

MARCH 1 (Wednesday)**Deadline for Applications for the Summer Institute for Preparing Future Faculty**

See summary under *GSI Teaching and Resource Center* heading above.

MARCH 2 (Thursday)**2006–2007 FAFSA Priority Deadline**

If you filed a 2005–2006 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you can renew it now for 2006–2007 online (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>) and selecting the “renewal” option. Your federal personal identification number (PIN) serves as your electronic signature, and makes the FAFSA renewal process fast and easy. New FAFSA filers can apply for a PIN at the same site, and then submit a FAFSA (not a renewal) several days later. Berkeley’s school code is 001312. The FAFSA is required to determine your eligibility for federal student loans, work study, and the Parent Grant for low income students with dependent children. Fellowship applicants should also file the FAFSA to maximize their chances of being considered for awards including some “need-based” fellowship funds. The campus Financial Aid Office strongly recommends that you submit your 2006–2007 FAFSA by the March 2 priority deadline. FAFSAs can be filed late, but on-time status ensures the best possible package as well as early notification of your eligibility. More information is available at the Financial Aid Office (FAO) website (<http://students.berkeley.edu/fao/graduate/default.htm>) or email the FAO (fao_grad@uclink.berkeley.edu) if you have questions.

MARCH 4 (Saturday)

21st Annual Empowering Women of Color Conference — “Confronting Power: A Century of Struggle and Movements”

7: a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Lipman Room, Barrows Hall

See more detailed entry under *Graduate Assembly* heading below.

MARCH 9 (Thursday)

Workshop on Teaching — “Teaching Critical Media Literacy”

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

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.

Deadline for Nominations for 2006 Distinguished Faculty Mentors Award (*research*)

See summary under *Graduate Assembly* heading below.

MARCH 13 (Monday)

Deadline for Nominations for 2006 Outstanding GSI Awards

See summary under *GSI Teaching and Resource Center* heading above.

APRIL 4 (Tuesday)

Workshop on Teaching — “Syllabus and Course Design”

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

APRIL 20 (Thursday)

Workshop on Teaching — “Guiding Student Research”

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

CALIFORNIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (CAA)

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

Multitasking administrator/academic/alumnus honored — twice

A self-effacing and extremely hardworking individual, Nadesan Permaul has become accustomed to, and probably weary of, being introduced by others as “the most powerful man on campus.” Being director of transportation (since 1994), he can determine who parks where and when on campus, and who gets ticketed, which gets him respect from faculty and staff. He’s known to students as a teacher, straddling two departments, lecturing in rhetoric and political science. This role brought Permaul recognition as an “Everyday Hero” on the campus NewsCenter website, nominated by his students (one of whom said, “He is an extremely effective teacher and a very warm man. He has gone out of his way on many occasions to help me with thinking about my future and even with personal issues. He has made the extra effort to not only form a relationship with me, but also to help me form relationships with other professors.”). Even more people know Permaul as an Old Blue whose Cal loyalty runs to near-mythic proportions. He holds three Berkeley degrees — B.A. ’72, M.A. ’73, and Ph.D. ’90 — and has long served as a volunteer in many of the programs of the California Alumni Association and as a member of its board of directors. He recently completed a two-year term as the Association’s president, during which he led a major restructuring of the organization’s governance and activities, and along the way encouraged a formal and informal relationship between the CAA and the Graduate Division which has resulted, among other things, in the CAA’s co-sponsoring and funding awards that honor outstanding mentoring of GSIs by faculty members. (Permaul could understand the benefits from the inside. He was a GSI in his grad student days, back when they were called TAs, there was no resource center for them, and mentoring was not a verb and was hard to find.) The Association honored him January 20 with its Excellence in Service Award in a Morrison Library ceremony. Permaul is less known for another of his skills: he is one of the relatively few experienced Segway Human Transporter pilots at Berkeley. (Parking and Transportation has one, and he uses it to “commute” to meetings all over campus.)

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 — “Confronting Power: A Century of Struggle and Movements”

Saturday, March 4, 7: a.m. to 9:30 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 **Susan L. Taylor**, editorial director of *Essence* magazine, orator-activist-organizer **Lakota Harden**, United Farm Workers co-founder **Dolores Huerta**, and **Angela Oh**, attorney, UC-Irvine Chancellor's Fellow, and ordained Zen Buddhist priest, and **Elaine Brown**, author, advocate for juvenile justice and prison reform, and lecturer. The event is sponsored by the Graduate Women's Project of the Graduate Assembly. Further information (including registration and admission fees) is available online (<http://ewocc.berkeley.edu/home.php>) or by calling 642-2876, extension 3.

Want to be the UC Student Regent for 2007–2008?

The Berkeley campus Office of Student Life (OSL) is currently working on recruiting applicants for the UC Student Regent position. More information is available online from the OSL (<http://students.berkeley.edu/osl/studentorganizations.asp?id=1579&rcol=1580>) and from the Regents (<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/studentreg.html>). The deadline for applications is **February 23, 2006**.

Be more socially active with other grad students

The Graduate Social Club (GSC) is actively recruiting new members. If you are socially active on campus and enjoy organizing parties, shows, lectures and outings with other students, you should get involved with the GSC. You're invited to the first meeting of the semester Wednesday, February 8, 7 p.m., at Triple Rock Brewery, 1920 Shattuck Ave, near Hearst (look for a table with a GSC sign). Topics: advance planning for the Wine and Cheese Social in March and brainstorming other event ideas for the semester. Have ideas for hikes or theater outings? Know a great band for a gig on campus? Bring your event ideas. (As usual, appetizers and beverages are free.)

SHAKESPEARE PROGRAM

Shakespeare's Staging: a new UC Berkeley website

A core interest for all Shakespeareans is Shakespeare in performance. The Shakespeare Program of the English Department has designed a new website to provide a survey of current information and opinion, with explorations of the original nature of Shakespearean performance in his lifetime and of its development thereafter. The site (<http://shakespearestaging.berkeley.edu/>) is under continuous revision and expansion.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES (UHS)

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

Do you want to help destigmatize mental health issues?

UHS sends its thanks to the wonderful folks who responded to the last request for volunteers to speak on a panel for the suicide prevention project. So far there has been great diversity in the panel members, but UHS is still looking for more volunteers, especially international students. Panel members will speak at future events to help break the silence about mental health issues and share their stories of how they have coped as graduate students. The project is also looking for volunteers to serve on a grad student focus group. Focus group members will meet one or two times this semester to help in the development of suicide prevention programs. If you're interested in helping, please email Peggy Yang, Ph.D. the director of the suicide prevention project (peggyyang@uhs.berkeley.edu).

UHS is recruiting — join the Graduate Mental Health Advisory Committee

You can help the university build a healthier graduate student community by joining 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 training, and campus awareness of depression. UHS is looking for new committee members who will continue through the 2006–2007 academic year. If you are interested, please email Dr. Susan Bell (suebell@uhs.berkeley.edu). The committee meets just once each month, for an hour and a half, and has already had a significant impact on campus.

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/>).

Library Bookstore reopens

The Library Bookstore has reopened in 132 Doe Library. The new store, featuring all new stock, will be open between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The bookstore features materials no longer needed for the University's collections and gift items not selected for the Library's holdings.

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 February

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/>).

On Valentine's Day (Tuesday, February 14) and the following Tuesday, "**Intimate Encounters with Molecules**" are revealed by **Dudley Herschbach**, professor of science at Harvard University and winner of the Nobel Prize in chemistry, in his Hitchcock Lectures at UC Berkeley. In the first he discusses "Taming Molecular Wildness" and in the second "Breaking and Making Chemical Bonds." Both are aimed at a general audience. The Hitchcock Lectures are presented by the Academic Senate's Graduate Council and the Graduate Division. Herschbach's programs will also be available for "on-demand" viewing by the end of February.

"**Cutaways**" is a magazine program produced by Berkeley students at the Graduate School of Journalism. It features pieces about an AIDS activist in China, Latino-owned wineries, and Arizona border politics.

America is the focus of February's "**Conversations with History**," hosted by Harry Kreisler. UC Berkeley political scientist **Paul Pierson** discusses, in "**The Transformation of American Politics**," how the conservative movement has changed American politics and constrained the political center. In "**American Foreign Policy in a New Era**," Columbia University political scientist **Robert Jervis** talks about a theory of international relations and examines the Bush Doctrine and the failure of intelligence in the lead-up to the Iraq War.

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/>).

DEADLINE FOR MARCH

News and other items for the March 2006 issue of *eGrad* are due by Wednesday, **February 15**. Please send your information to gradpub@calmail.berkeley.edu. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity, and accuracy.