

EVCP Monthly Updates

A monthly round-up from across campus of news items, updates, and events for academic and administrative staff within the EVCP Division.



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Good afternoon,

Welcome to Fall 2023! This week students are moving into the residence halls, faculty are back on campus as they make last-minute syllabus preparations, and staff across campus are all taking a deep breath in anticipation of what the semester ahead holds. We hope that all of you are enjoying the crackle of energy going on as the campus comes back to life after a quiet summer.

We want to extend a warm welcome to our new leaders who are receiving this monthly newsletter for the first time. Thank you in advance for your service and your partnership.

To set yourself up for success this semester, we want to share these resources to keep at your fingertips:

- UC Berkeley maintains a [Religious Creed Policy](#) that provides clear guidance on accommodating students who miss exams due to religious obligations. The Office of the Registrar maintains this [Religious Holidays Calendar](#) that you can link within your own bCal. Go to the [Academic Calendar webpage](#) and see the “Add a Calendar to bCal” tab for instructions.
- As we go into the 10th year of the [Berkeley Big Give](#), get ahead in your digital philanthropy goals and submit an application to join one of the [multiple crowdfunding campaigns](#) that University Development and Alumni Relations (UDAR) will be hosting this academic year.
- People & Culture’s People & Organization Development (POD) team is currently accepting applications through August 29 for their new cohort-based skills development program: [Skills for Success: Unlocking Your UC Berkeley Career](#). Designed with the early-career, individual-contributor staff in mind, the program gathers together participants groups will engage through a combination of synchronous live sessions,

asynchronous e-courses, and experiential learning experiences to build transferable skills, design a career plan, and deepen their campus connections. A total of 20 participants will be selected for this inaugural offering of the program.

Finally, we want to highlight a change to the COVID-19 potential exposures warning system that went into effect over the summer. Where previously a daily email was sent to all employees to notify them about a possible exposure incident, the daily reports are now housed centrally on the [UC Berkeley Potential Workplace Exposure Information website](#) and includes the date and location of the exposure incident.

See you again in September. Please email us at evcp@berkeley if you have updates you think the rest of the EVCP division would be interested to hear about.

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Highlights

What follows is a curated round-up of timely and broad-impact updates we want to be sure have your attention.

- **Chancellor's Office:** If you didn't catch this through the [Daily Cal](#) this summer, be sure to check out this video interview they produced on Chancellor Carol Christ titled [Behind the Blue Blazer](#). As we enter this final year with Chancellor Christ at the helm it's a touching reminder of the long career of service she has given to the campus.
- **UCPD:** In collaboration with Student Affairs, the UC Police Department has launched a [new informational website](#) that highlights the various safety programs and services available across campus.
- **Support for the UC community impacted by Maui wildfires.** Our hearts go out to the friends, families, and loved ones affected by the destructive fire in Lāhainā on the island of Maui in Hawai'i. The division of Equity and Inclusion set up the website in support of those in our community who have been impacted <https://diversity.berkeley.edu/support-uc-berkeley-community-during-maui-tragedy>

From Around the Campus

What follows is a compilation of updates from across campus that you may have otherwise missed.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging, and Justice

- **The Black Studies Collaboratory** is pleased to announce its second [Small Grantee Symposium](#), featuring the projects of the Spring and Summer 2023 small grantees. Friday, September 15, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm, Tilden Room, Located on the 5th floor of the MLK Jr./ASUC Student Union Building. [Register to attend at this link](#)
- [Campus Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Events](#)
- American Cultures Center Newsletters: [June](#), [July](#), [Fall](#)
- Greater Good Science Center
 - [11 Ways to Foster Dialogue and Understanding on Campus](#)

- [Two Keys to Helping College Students Feel Like They Belong](#)

Academic & Student Affairs

- **CalMessages:**
 - [2023-24 Academic Senate Leadership](#)
 - [Important dates and reminders](#)
 - [10 tips to get ready for the fall semester](#)
 - [Reminder: New academic participation assignment for students](#)
 - [Academic Accommodations and Resources - Fall 2023 Semester](#)
 - [Awards for Excellence in Advising and Student Services - Nominations due Sept 25](#)
 - [Preparing for Fall 2023 Instruction - Information Sessions and Workshops](#)
 - [Welcoming Fall 2023 undergraduates to campus: Aug. 15-21](#)
 - [Fall 2023 Key Dates, Fees & Registration Updates](#)
 - [JULY 2023 How You Can Prep for Fall](#)
- **Teaching at Berkeley:** [Addressing What ChatGPT Means for Your Teaching](#); [Creative Approaches to Peer Learning](#); [Spicing Up the Syllabus](#); [Approaches to Inclusive Teaching](#)
- **Research, Teaching, & Learning:** [July Update](#), [August Update](#), [Events Update](#)

People & Culture

- **CalMessages:**
 - [Managers' Forum - August 2023](#)
 - [Changes to Job Builder JDx](#)
 - [URGENT: I-9 Re-Verification Project Update](#)
 - [Annual systemwide payroll disclosure for 2022](#)
 - [Criminal Background Check Clearance Notices Required to Start Work](#)
 - [Managers' Forum - June 2023 - Follow-Up](#)
 - [Berkeley People Management Program Update](#)
- **Berkeley Staff Assembly Newsletters:** [July](#), [August](#)
- **Guided Sufi Meditation for the Campus Community:** Offered every other Thursday this fall from 7:30pm-8:15pm via Zoom. Sufi meditation (Tamarkoz) is a relaxing and restorative heart-centered meditation practice. You will be warmly guided through gentle stretches, mind relaxation exercises, deep breathing, slow movement meditations, deep body relaxation, visualization/imagery, and heart-focused meditation. Movement is optional and no prior experience with meditation is necessary. All are welcome. Register [here](#) (no cost). Dates are: August 24, September 7, September 21, October 5, October 19, November 2 and November 30. There will be no class on November 16.

Athletics

- The annual Pac-12 Spring Academic Honor Roll has been announced, and Cal had 155 student-athletes across 13 sports make the list. That was the second-most in the conference. To be eligible for the recognition, student-athletes must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.3 or above and served at least one year of residence at the institution.

- Pitcher Paulshawn Pasqualotto of Cal's baseball team was selected in the 12th round of the 2023 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft by the Minnesota Twins. The Bears have now had 23 players drafted in the six years Mike Neu has served as Cal's head coach.

News & Updates

- **CalMessages & News:**

- [Updated and approved Composite Benefit Rates](#)
- [Changing Landscape of Intercollegiate Athletics](#)
- [Announcement: BIDS Faculty Director](#)
- [Announcement: Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications & Public Affairs](#)
- [CHANGES TO: Notification of Potential Workplace Exposure to COVID-19](#)
- [Leadership Announcement - Iris Mauss to lead IPSR](#)
- [Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Research](#)
- [Call for Nominations: 2024 Peter E. Haas Public Service Award](#)

- **Home Sharing Workshop:** All faculty and staff, alumni and retirees are welcome to attend a workshop aimed at those who are interested in renting space in their home. We will have group activities and discussion of components and benefits of home sharing; becoming aware of your own living preferences; tips for finding a compatible match; and the support available through the [Front Porch Home Match Program](#). Questions, please contact cary.sweeney@berkeley.edu, UCB Retirement Center. **September 18th, 2023, 11 am - 1 pm**, Hybrid event, 1995 University Avenue, Berkeley, CA; Coordinated with non-profit organization Front Porch; [Registration](#).

- **Fall Youth Programs Now Open for Registration:** During the back-to-school season, working parents have their own back-to-school schedules and activities to juggle. [UC Berkeley Youth Recreation](#) creates activities right here on campus that kids will look forward to all day long. Registration is now open for our [fall youth programs](#), with good availability in the following classes:

- [Skateboarding](#): With instruction by skilled professionals, your child can learn skateboard mechanics and basic riding skills like balance, carving, riding transitions, and dropping-in. Advanced skaters learn grinds, ollies, and airs, and have the chance to learn to drop in on bigger ramps. Whether learning for fun or competition, our one-of-a-kind environment filled with a variety of ramps and street obstacles is always a hit. (Ages 8-18 years)
- [Martial Arts](#): Experience youth Taekwondo, a superior martial art and an exciting sport. (Ages 6-16)
- [Archery](#): Young archers can learn and enjoy this sport recreationally or try their skills at the competition level. (Ages 8-18)

Most classes begin in early September, so sign up today at youth.berkeley.edu.

- **Greater Good Science Center:**

- [Three New Ideas About Happiness and Well-Being](#)
- [Can Gratitude Make Your Job More Meaningful?](#)
- [Four Types of Work Friendship \(And Which One Is Best for You\)](#)
- [What's the Best Strategy for Supporting an Upset...](#)
- [How to Avoid Post-Vacation Stress](#)

- **Campus Identity-Based Staff Orgs**
 - [Alianza at UC Berkeley Newsletter](#)
 - [Asian Pacific American Systemwide Alliance \(APASA\)](#)
 - [Black Staff & Faculty Organization](#)
 - [Cal Women's Network Newsletter](#)
 - [Filipinx Faculty & Staff Association](#)
 - [LavenderCal](#)
 - [Middle Eastern, North African, and South Asian \(MENSA\)](#)
 - [Native & Indigenous Council \(NAIC\)](#)
 - [Staff Alliance for Disability Access \(SADA\)](#)

- **Campus Communities of Practice (COP)**
 - [Administrative Management Professionals \(AMP\)](#)
 - [Berkeley Facilitator Network \(BFN\)](#)
 - [Berkeley International Group \(BIG\)](#)
 - [Berkeley Professional Development Providers](#)
 - [Berkeley Research Administrators Group \(BRAG\)](#)
 - [Berkeley User Experience \(Berkeley UX\)](#)
 - [Cal Coaching Network \(CCN\)](#)
 - [Coalition for Education & Outreach \(CEO\)](#)
 - [UC Berkeley Instructional Designers](#)