
Updates for EVCP Divisions - Tuesday, October 31, 2023

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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,

News of the war between Israel and Hamas has been devastating and has personally touched many in our community. We know there have been several emails full of resources, but we want to make sure you have access to the resources that support your team and your students:

- UC Berkeley's Greater Good Science Center has compiled [a variety of resources that may help](#).
- If you need individual support, reach out to the [Be Well at Work Employee Assistance program](#).
- All UC medical plans also offer [behavioral health benefits](#).
- The University Health Center provides a detailed flier with ways to [cope with traumatic events and news](#) and a complete list of all its [general mental health resources in this handout](#). These and more handouts from UHS are online [here](#).

As part of staying well, please be sure to take care of your physical health by acquiring the latest COVID-19 and flu vaccines as we go into the winter season. Earlier this month University Health Services circulated updated directions for [all faculty and staff](#) and these directions for [all students](#) to stay in compliance with the latest University vaccination policy.

See you again in November. Please email us at evcp@berkeley.edu if you have updates you think the rest of the EVCP division would be interested to hear about. Wishing you a safe and sweet Halloween!

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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.

- **UC Berkeley Retirement Center: "Faculty Thriving in Retirement" workshop:** All faculty looking ahead to retirement are invited to join "Thriving In Retirement," a virtual panel discussion with retired faculty, on Monday, November 6, 1:30–3:00 pm, online via Zoom. As part of the first panel, three emeriti will share their experiences with transitioning from active to retired faculty. As part of the second panel, two emeriti, joined by their partners, will talk about how they experienced the transition as a family. Please register for this event at this [link](#) or visit the workshop webpage for more information. For questions, contact Sigrid Mueller (sigridmueller@berkeley.edu)
- **Office of the Vice Chancellor for Equity & Inclusion:** We are pleased to invite nominations for the 2023–24 Chancellor's Award for Advancing Institutional Excellence and Equity. This annual award is presented to faculty members at UC Berkeley for outstanding contributions that advance equity, inclusion, diversity, belonging, and justice, whether through research, teaching, and/or university and public service. These contributions can take a variety of forms, including efforts to advance equitable access to education, public service that addresses the needs of diverse populations, research in a scholar's area of expertise that highlights inequities, efforts to make academic units or programs more inclusive, and leadership on campus diversity and inclusion initiatives. Nominations are due by Friday, November 17, 2023. Nomination guidelines and submission information can be found on the [CAAIEE webpage](#). Please contact caaiee.award@berkeley.edu to submit nomination packets or if you have any questions.
- **People & Culture:** Open Enrollment for 2024 benefits began Thursday, Oct. 26, and runs through Friday, Nov. 17, at 5 p.m. The [medical plan rates will be increasing](#) by an overall average of 11% so it's more important than ever to make sure you understand your options and what you'll pay. Please review your enrollments even if you do not plan on making any changes. UC and employers nationwide are feeling the effects of big increases in three main factors that impact medical plan premiums - costs for medical care, costs for prescription drugs, and how much care is used by the people who are insured.

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

- **CalMessages**
 - [A call for community](#)
 - [Compassion in a time of sorrow](#)
 - [October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month](#)
 - [Celebrating Filipino American History Month \(FAHM\)](#)
 - [Celebrating Disability Awareness Month and the 50th Anniversary of Section 504](#)
- **Institute for the Study of Societal Issues Events**
 - Center for Research on Native American Issues: "[A Child of the Indian Race: A Story of Return.](#)" Sandy White Hawk. October 26, 12-1:30. Hybrid: Native Community Center (Anthony Hall) and Zoom. Co-sponsored by Native American Student Development.
 - Center for Research on Native American Issues: "[The Brackeen Decision and the Future of the Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\).](#)" Sarah Deer. November 2, 5:30-6:30. Zoom. Co-sponsored by: Center for Race and Gender, Native American Student Development, Native American Law Student Association.
 - Berkeley Center for Social Medicine: "[Clinical Borders: Bodies and Healthcare in the Central Mediterranean Route.](#)" Lorenzo Alunni. November 9, 10-11. Zoom. Co-sponsored by: Institute of European Studies, Department of Anthropology, Center for Ethnographic Research, Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative.
 - Asian American Research Center: [Race and Class in the Air: Asian and Latina Immigrant Women on Environmental \(In\)Justice and Moral Citizenship](#). Nadia Kim. November 15, 12-1:30.

Zoom. Co-sponsored by: Center for Race and Gender, Latinx Research Center, Environmental Science, Policy & Management.

- Institute for the Study of Societal Issues: "[Global Africa: Profiles in Courage, Creativity, and Cruelty](#)." Adekeye Adebajo and Samar Al-Bulushi. November 29, 12-1:30. Hybrid: 2111 Bancroft Way and Zoom. Co-sponsored by: Center for African Studies, Othering & Belonging Institute.
- [Campus Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Events](#)
- Greater Good Science Center
 - [How to Be Happier in the Four Realms of Life](#)
 - [Greater Good Resources for Peace and Conflict](#)
 - [In Pursuit of Happiness: What Works Best for You?](#)

Academic & Student Affairs

- **CalMessages:**
 - [Exam Proctoring Services Update](#)
 - [Alessandra Lanzara Appointed Faculty Director for Berkeley Discovery](#)
 - [Political advocacy, academic freedom, and instruction](#)
 - [Accessing Mental Health Resources and Counseling Services](#)
 - [Textbook Adoption for Spring 2024 Semester](#)
 - [Graduate Division - Updates & Interim Announcement](#)
 - [Financial aid process changes beginning in 2023: FAFSA Simplification](#)
- **Teaching at Berkeley:** [Student Perspective on ChatGPT](#), [Mid-Semester Feedback](#), [UDL and Inclusive Teaching](#)
- **Research, Teaching, & Learning:** [Equitable Grading Strategies](#), [October Update](#)
- **Advising Strategy+Training Events & Opportunities:**
 - **Advising Strategy + Training Presents Equity-Oriented Advising and Coaching Fall Workshop Series:** The theme for our Fall workshop series is “Equity-Oriented Advising and Coaching.” We piloted the [Equity-Oriented Advising and Coaching Program \(EOAC\)](#) in 2022 and are working on our next cohort program to launch in Spring 2024. This fall, we have been featuring four sample-sized sessions to preview the spring EOAC cohort offering. [Check out the session descriptions on our website](#) and join us for one or more of our upcoming events:
 - **Introduction to Motivational Interviewing** | Thursday, November 2, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. | [RSVP to attend](#)
 - **Learning from Exemplary Programs** | Wednesday, November 15, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. | [RSVP to attend](#)
 - **ICYMI:** *Want to see all of our events on your bCal without registering for individual sessions? Subscribe to the [Advising Strategy + Training Program Calendar](#) to add all upcoming and future sessions to your bCal, or [opt in to be invited](#) to every upcoming session and our events will auto-magically appear on your calendar, as they are scheduled!*
 - **“Celebrating Our Collective Efforts” Advising and Student Services Annual Event:** [RSVP for our annual advising and student services community celebration](#) on November 28, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in West Pauley Ballroom. This is an opportunity to come together to acknowledge and celebrate the positive impacts of our profession, the necessity of our work, and highlight our Excellence in Advising and Student Services Award winners.

People & Culture

- **CalMessages:**
 - [Staff/Faculty Housing Survey](#)
 - [2024 Open Enrollment Is Coming: Thursday, Oct. 26 - Friday, Nov. 17](#)
 - [Gender Recognition & Lived Name Changes in CalCentral](#)

- [Emergency evacuation questionnaire for people with disabilities](#)
- [Opportunity for staff to participate in a new DEIB research study](#)
- **Berkeley Staff Assembly Newsletters:** [October](#)
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Athletics

- [Campus announced on Sept. 1](#) that Cal Athletics will join the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) beginning with the 2024-25 academic year. The decision came against the backdrop of significant conference realignment in recent years. The ACC is consistently ranked as the top academic major college conference in the country
- Cal's men's rowing program received a \$10 million commitment from the T. Gary and Kathleen Rogers Family Foundation, in partnership with Friends of Cal Crew. The Rogers Family has offered a \$5 million matching challenge, which will provide a 1:1 match for every new gift of pledge to endowments that benefit the program.
- Football student-athlete Matthew Cindric has been named to the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, which recognizes student-athletes for exemplary community impact.
- Cal Athletics held its annual National Championship Week, honoring its national champions from the previous year. Men's Water Polo, Men's Swimming & Diving and Men's Rowing were each recognized for winning national titles during the 2022-23 school year – it was the second consecutive national crown for each team. Chancellor Christ held a reception at the University House and the teams were honored during the football game against Arizona State.
- Cal's women's basketball team hosted its fourth annual "Race For Change" at Lake Merritt in Oakland. The event is part of a nationwide initiative originally started by UC San Diego's women's basketball program as a way to address racial equality. Cal's Race For Change raised funds for the athletic department's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging and Justice office, and featured an appearance by Dr. John Carlos – the former track & field athlete who displayed the Black Power salute on the podium at the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City.

News & Updates

- **CalMessages & News:**
 - [Updated International Travel Advisories](#)
 - [A New Joint Venture](#)
 - [Travel updates - 11/7 Sustainability Event, TSA PreCheck, SB 447](#)
 - [Updated Annual Flu and COVID-19 Vaccination Policy Requirement and Immunization Clinics](#)
 - [2023 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report: Notice of Availability](#)
- **Greater Good Science Center:**
 - [Four Ways to Create High-Quality Connections at Work](#)
 - [How to Unlock the Talent in Yourself and Others](#)
 - [Are You the A*Hole?](#)
- **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](#)

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