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## **MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN**

Dear Graduate Community,

The tragic days of September have left deep scars on all of us. But there are reasons for hope. Our graduate students have shown compassion and courage, as did the entire Berkeley community. There are other reasons as well. In the week before the crisis, a newly completed survey of community service projects identified 84 different programs in which graduate students are providing services to Bay Area communities. From legal clinics for immigrants in the East Bay to city planning in East Oakland, our graduate students are engaged in sophisticated community building. I was amazed at the depth and breadth of graduate student involvement. Their departments range from agriculture and engineering to the professional schools, humanities, and social sciences. I will be happy to provide anyone with a copy of this large and impressive catalog of activities. Berkeley graduate students are both extremely competent and caring. I think we can be confident that America's future is in good hands.

Mary Ann Mason  
Dean of the Graduate Division

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## **RESPONDING TO THE NATIONAL CRISIS**

University Health Services offers support groups and counseling, coordinates blood drives, and has resources for dealing with death, grief, and loss. Please call 643-7754, or consult the Web (<http://www.uhs.berkeley.edu/Misc/coping.htm>) for more information.

## **STUDENTS OFFER HELP**

Miriam Walker, of Auckland, New Zealand, doesn't know many people from New York City. But that didn't prevent her from springing into action to help her fellow human beings after the September 11 terrorist assault on the World Trade Center. When Walker, a graduate student in computer science at Berkeley, witnessed her roommates encountering jammed phone lines as they attempted to reach friends and family near Ground Zero, Walker thought about how the Web could be used to help. Walker conceived a Web site that fellow graduate student Ka-Ping Yee programmed, with assistance from staff programmer Eric Fraser and Professor Jennifer Mankoff. The site (<http://safe.millennium.berkeley.edu>) was launched on the UC Berkeley Millennium Computer Cluster just hours after news of the attack reached Berkeley. Over 47,000 entries were posted in the week following the tragedy. For the most part,

people used the site to search for missing loved ones, or to report that someone was safe. The site also provided quick links to hospitals, relief agencies, and volunteer efforts throughout the country. While the site's usefulness may be waning, Walker says that it proved effective during the most critical time and helped gather information that official resources couldn't. She also discovered that its users were drawn in for a more communal reason, that it provided a conduit for people to communicate their feelings. Walker says simply, "We had the resources to help." And so they did.

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

### **National Science Foundation (NSF) Fellowship Workshop**

- October 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., ASUC Senate Chambers, Eshelman Hall

This workshop, sponsored by the Graduate Fellowships Office, will answer questions about the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship competition and provide valuable tips to help you with the application process. Speakers include Berkeley fellowship coordinators, members of the faculty and fellowship review committee, and current NSF Fellows at Berkeley. The fellowships are for U.S. citizens in the early stages of graduate study in science, math, and engineering.

### **DAAD Fellowship for Graduate Study and Research in Germany 2002-2003**

Application deadlines:

- October 17, 2001 (for fine arts and performing music)
- November 19, 2001 (all others)

Applications are available from Graduate Fellowships, 318 Sproul Hall. For further information, contact Michael Sacramento at 642-7339 or msacram@uclink4.berkeley.edu.

## **GRADUATE COUNCIL LECTURES**

### **Carl O. Sauer Memorial Lecture in Geography**

David H. Harris

Emeritus Professor of Human Environment, University College London

October 3 - 4:10 p.m., Toll Room, Alumni House

### **Charles M. and Martha Hitchcock Lectures**

E. Margaret Burbidge

University Professor Emeritus, Department of Physics, Center for Astrophysics and Space Sciences, University of California, San Diego

October 16 and 17 - 4:10 p.m., International House Auditorium

More information and the complete schedule for 2001-2002 are available on the Web (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/lectures>).

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

### **Zellerbach Distinguished Lecture**

Anthony Giddens, Director, London School of Economics

October 25 - 6 p.m., Sibley Auditorium, Bechtel Engineering Center

For more information, contact the School of Social Welfare, 642-4341.

## **CELEBRATE!**

The American Indian Graduate Program (AIGP) at Berkeley turns 30 years old this fall. Students, staff, and alumni are invited to attend a special event to commemorate AIGP's three decades on campus on Friday, November 2, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Alumni House. Please RSVP to [tlyoung@alumni.berkeley.edu](mailto:tlyoung@alumni.berkeley.edu) or to [aigp@uclink.berkeley.edu](mailto:aigp@uclink.berkeley.edu).

## **AWARD-WINNING TEACHING IDEAS**

Each year the Graduate Council's Advisory Committee for GSI Affairs and the GSI Teaching and Resource Center sponsor the Teaching Effectiveness Award (TEA). The TEA honors a small number of outstanding Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs) who have made a significant contribution to teaching and learning in their departments through their identification of and response to a problem that they have faced in their own classes, laboratories, and sections. Award-winning essays by TEA recipients can be found on the Web (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/gsi/tea/>).

## **ATTENTION GRADUATE ADVISERS AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTS**

Please use the Graduate Adviser's Handbook on the Web (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/publications/GAH>) for the most up-to-date information on advising prospective and continuing students.

## **DEADLINES FOR FILING DISSERTATIONS AND THESES IN 2001-2002**

December 20, 2001, for a December degree

May 24, 2002, for a May degree

## **COMING SOON!**

Over the past six months, we've been rebuilding the Graduate Division Web site (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu>). The new site, same address, will be launched during the week of October 15th and will have portals for prospective students, current students, faculty and staff, alumni and friends. We will continue to improve and expand online services and welcome input from students and departments. Please email the Graduate Division Web team at [gradweb@uclink4.berkeley.edu](mailto:gradweb@uclink4.berkeley.edu) if you'd like to offer comments and suggestions.