

SDC Newsletter – Spring 2024

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You have \$600 to spend on professional development this year!

We encourage represented, non-academic staff to use their SDC professional development funds! If you haven't had time to consider how, here are our ongoing suggestions for upcoming conferences, meetings and classes that you might want to consider. SDC funds apply to all eligible professional development activities used to support career and professional growth. You can also use SDC funds to help with course-related materials, textbooks, and software expenses!

Here is a [directory of professional development organizations, memberships, and campus resources](#) to help get the conversation started with your supervisor.

Announcements:

Graduate Student Networking Group for Library Staff – a place for staff who are entering, moving through or recently graduated from MLIS, MARA, or other graduate/certificate programs here and around the country.

- Are you currently pursuing your MLIS or MARA degree?
- Thinking about applying to a graduate program?
- Recently graduated and thinking about next steps?
- Have you been looking for a place to connect with other library colleagues who are going through the same process?

No matter where you are in your professional journey, there is a place for you to build community here in the library. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact [Marri Atienza](#).

Black History Walking Tours

For a limited time, Black Lives at Cal (BLAC) is holding a twice weekly tour of campus and beyond. This expansive tour illuminates the history of Black students and faculty members, and the spaces that they have fought to create for Black people on campus. Hosted by alumna and staff member [Gia White](#), the tour draws from extensive research about UC Berkeley's Black history.

We encourage staff to work with supervisors and sign up. [RSVP for the walking tour here!](#)

Check out this guide to library and online resources on the [history of Black life at UC Berkeley](#).

Also, listen to the [Berkeley Voices](#) episode which discusses the Oral History Center's role in preserving Black voices at Cal.



Upcoming Conferences:

- [ALA Core FREE interest group week](#) (March 4-8 2024)
- [Library 2.0 Conference – AI and Libraries: Applications, Implications, and Possibilities](#) virtual

- (Part I on March 21, 2024 AND Part II on April 18, 2024) [[Register here](#)]
- [2024 AA and NHPI Higher Education Leadership Development Summit](#) MLK Building (April 2, 2024)
 - [O&B Conference: Oakland 2024](#) in Oakland, CA (April 25-27)
 - [NOW Conference 2024](#) virtual conference (June 13, 2024)
 - [ALA Conference 2024](#) in San Diego, CA (June 27 – July 2, 2024) [Register here!](#)
 - [RBMS Conference 2024](#) in Costa Mesa, CA (June 25-28, 2024)
 - [SLA 2024 Conference & Expo](#) in Kingston, RI (July 14-17, 2024)
 - [CLA Conference 2024](#) in Pasadena, CA (October 17-19, 2024) Register starting June 10, 2024

Free Upcoming and Pre-Recorded Webinars:

[ACRL Presents](#) – This ACRL (Association of College & Research Libraries) program offers free occasional webcasts on issues of broad interest and importance to the academic and research library community. *ACRL Presents* webcasts are recorded and closed captioning is available in the Zoom platform. Check for upcoming live sessions or browse the previous recordings. You can also view [the whole archive](#) on YouTube.

The [Metropolitan New York Library Council](#) has run more than 100 online events since March 2020, and they have recordings, summaries, and other deliverables for every single one. Scroll through [the archive](#) for direct access to content from all of their past event outputs.

Preservation week is April 28 – May 4, 2024! Every year, [ALA CORE](#) and the Library of Congress offer [free webinars](#) and events to help libraries preserve their collections.

The [Association of Southeastern Research Libraries](#) (ASERL) has [an archive](#) of webinars and events to browse, with topics ranging from digital preservation to collection strategies to library accessibility.

[24th Annual Multiple Perspectives On Access, Inclusion & Disability Conference](#): Find direct links to [free virtual sessions](#).

[Free Webinars](#) from OCLC WebJunction

Mindfulness, Health, and Wellness:

[The Greater Good Science Center](#) at UC Berkeley

- [The Greater Good Magazine](#) – great place for stories, tips, and tools.
- [Your Happiness Calendar for March 2024](#) – This month, move your body and move forward.
- [Happiness Break: A Meditation on Playfulness, With Dacher Keltner](#)
 - We all have a playful side, and research shows acting on it can help us when we need to move through challenging emotions, manage conflict, and be more creative.
- Sign up for newsletter or [check out website for upcoming events and classes](#)

Did you know about [WorkFit UC Berkeley](#)?

- Take advantage of the UC Berkeley's WorkFit program and choose from over 50 professionally-

led fitness classes every week, including [Zoom classes](#) and [in-person, on campus classes](#). They offer a diverse schedule from Yoga to Simple Strong to Zumba. The Zoom classes are free to the public. The campus classes are available to faculty, staff and students. Come join the fun, effective workout with instructors who are eager to be a part of your fitness journey.

Check out [Be Well at Work](#) Wellness Program:

The Wellness Program strives to create a healthy work environment through integrated programs designed to:

- Provide faculty, staff, visiting scholars, and postdocs with tools and skills for leading healthy lifestyles, preventing injury and illness, and contributing to higher performance, morale, and job satisfaction.
- Build a healthy workplace culture that makes the healthy choice the easy choice.
- [Sign up for the monthly wellness newsletter](#) to receive updates and reminders about upcoming programs, healthy recipes, lifestyle tips, and more!

[Berkeley Path Wanderers Association](#)

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association (BPWA), an affiliate of Berkeley Partners for Parks, is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and creation of Berkeley's public paths, steps, and walkways for the enjoyment of all.

Check out their [2024 Walk and Event Calendar!](#)

Grow your Journey: DEIBJ

People and Culture offers staff employees at least 80 hours (10 days) per year to engage in professional development activities. If you would like to pursue training in DEIBJ issues in the workplace, explore the new [People & Culture DEIBJ Learning Pathway](#) website that allows you to build a personalized learning journey depending on where you are in your career. This timeline guides you through DEIBJ training and professional development programs that are appropriate for you whether you're newly hired, on the job for just a few years, or have many years' experience.

Staff Career Development Workshops:

Find these and other upcoming courses (all virtual via Zoom) on the People & Culture [Career Development Workshops web page](#), including the registration links.

- Engaging Your Competencies & Values to Build Your Best Future – Thurs., 3/14, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
- 10+ Resources to 10x Your Career Planning – Thurs., 3/21, 12:30 – 2 pm
- Understanding Work Styles & Your Career with the Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) – Thurs., 3/28, 12:30 – 2 pm
- LinkedIn Basics – Thurs., 4/11, 11:30 am – 1 pm
- LinkedIn II: Maximize Your Online Professional Presence – Thurs., 4/25, 11:30 – 12:30 pm
- Interests in Life & Work with the Strong Interest Inventory 244 (SII244) – Wed., 5/15, 11:30 am –

1 pm

- Achieve Together: Preparing Yourself for the Conversation with Your Supervisor/Manager – Wed., 6/26, 12:30 – 4:30 pm

Check out the flyer for the entire [Spring 2024 schedule!](#)

UC Extension Sponsored Tuition Program:

- [Sponsored Tuition](#) is a career development initiative spearheaded through a partnership between the UC Berkeley Extension and UC Berkeley People & Culture – People & Culture will cover the course fees for employees to take [UC Berkeley Extension](#) courses. Here is a sampling of spring offerings:
 - [Power and Influence in Organizations](#) – starts March 18
 - [Effective Writing in the Workplace](#) – starts March 18
 - [Project Management](#) – starts April 17

Tuition is paid for by People & Culture, but [SDC funding](#) can be used for materials & books!

Library Staff spotlight:

UC Berkeley Library has amazingly talented people who you should meet. Each newsletter, SDC plans to highlight staff who have recently joined our team, or have a great professional development experience to share.

CORINNA BURRELL (SHE/THEY)



How long have you worked at UC, and what is your role?

I've worked for UCB since February of 2023 as a Resource Acquisitions Specialist, which

means I order and receive monographs, e-reserves, media, and other resources for various libraries around campus.

Where did you work before?

I was a Library Specialist at Mills College for seven years running ILL and Acquisitions, and since it was a library with a small (but terrific!) staff, I helped out in plenty of other areas, from staffing ref and circ to designing displays to repairing books. The most dramatic thing to happen during my ILL career was identifying a plagiarist who had scurrilously stolen an entire thesis on the Maltese bagpipe.

What drew you to UCB?

I spent my undergraduate and part of my graduate years at Cal (the rest at King's College London), and spent many either happy or stressed hours writing and researching in the Main Stacks, so being able to come back as staff felt like a full circle moment. I've worked in libraries my entire adult life and believe deeply in free access to information and public education. I'm an idealist and I maintain that libraries are one of the most crucial resources we have as a society to build equity and inclusive access for all, and I appreciate being able to contribute to that work, even in a small way.

What is one thing about you that your coworkers probably don't know?

I've worked for eight different libraries across my career. Enough of those jobs were at Dewey libraries that I now use the classification system as a mnemonic to memorize phone numbers. I am comfortable saying that Deep Space 9 is the best Star Trek. The best book I read in 2023 was Siren Queen by Nghi Vo. My most controversial hot take is that bell peppers are by far the worst vegetable.

TIM CAPALBO (HE/HIM/HIS)



How long have you worked at UC, and what is your role?

I haven't been with UC very long, at all. My first day with The Library was in fact my first day at UC Berkeley and with the UC system. I started in January 2024. I am the new Head of Library Capital Projects & Facilities Management. I am taking over for Sukhjit Johal who is retiring in June 2024.

Where did you work before?

A number of places. Due to Covid-19, I had been freelancing in the commercial office design, in particular, with contract furniture dealerships in the Bay Area, but my experience as an Interior Designer spans across residential and commercial design for the past 9 years. Prior to my career in Interior Design, I spent close to 20 years in Live Entertainment Production and Facilities Management, primarily in NY and NJ, for performing arts organizations and universities.

What drew you to UCB?

Having worked for two other universities when I lived on the east coast, I have always had an affinity towards academic institutions, their mission, and the inherent dedication to knowledge and continued learning they advance. However, it's really the vibrant energy students bring to the campus I find most inspiring. It is unmatched in the corporate world and I am excited to be back on an educational campus once again.

What is one thing about you that your coworkers probably don't know?

I assume they have no idea that I am an award-winning baker and award-winning graphic

designer!

FRED WEBRE (HE/HIM/HIS)



How long have you worked at UC, and what is your role?

I've been in my current role as a Library Assistant at the Transportation Library since November of last year; previous roles on campus have been at the Governmental Studies Library, and the Pacific Film Archives.

Where did you work before?

Many hats: I did a stint in publishing in New York at Penguin and Random House, toiled as a clinical trial assistant in Biotech, subsisted as an ESL instructor, and dabbled as a landscape gardener and actor.

What drew you to UCB?

As a kid growing up in Berkeley we used to ride our BMX bikes through campus weaving through the crowds while doing stunt jumps off of various circumspect objects. After graduating from Cal with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies focusing on literature of American minorities, I was drawn back to campus years later as a compulsive lecture auditor, sitting in the back of many miscellaneous philosophy and art history classes haphazardly taking notes.

What is one thing about you that your coworkers probably don't know?

As an actor I got my SAG card on a TV show called Nash Bridges, starring Don Johnson and Cheech Marin. I played a CIA agent who was trying to recruit Don Johnson's daughter on the show into the CIA. Cheech, bless his goofy heart, was an absolute mensch.

BSA Highlights:

The Berkeley Staff Assembly (BSA) is an organization that creates community, champions staff interests, and provides opportunities for networking and development. We are a non-dues organization made up of all UCB staff employees. Yes, this means you're part of BSA! **Berkeley Staff Assembly (BSA) Website:** bsa.berkeley.edu

Subscribe to receive the BSA Newsletter via email [here](#)

What would you like to see in our next SDC Newsletter? If you have any comments, questions, or ideas to share with SDC, please contact us at staff-development-committee@berkeley.edu.

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