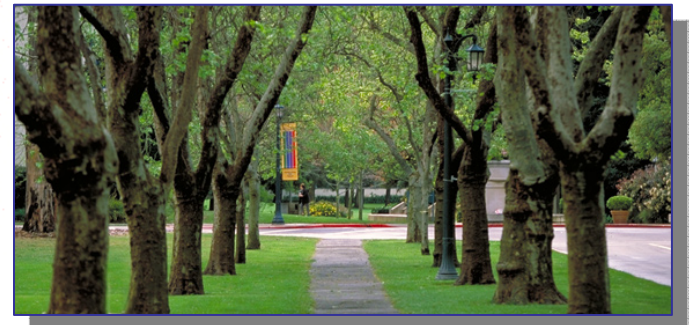




The Northern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education

Hosted by Mills College

Saturday, October 28, 2006



How Did It Start?

- In 1990 UC and CSU graduate deans and staff started discussions focusing on finding ways to enhance the recruitment of underrepresented students into doctoral programs
- The Forum was designed to tap the growing pool of highly qualified undergraduate and master's-level students already attending California colleges and universities



Dr. Kip Polakoff, key organizer

Mills College, 2006 Host

- Dr. Janet L. Holmgren, President
- Independent liberal arts college founded in 1852
- Offers bachelor's degrees to women and graduate degrees (and certificates) to women and men
 - 881 undergraduate women
 - 491 graduate women and men
 - 34% students of color
- 32 graduate programs



Activity Overview



- Registration and packet pick-up
- Listen to our inspiring keynote speaker
- Attend multiple workshops/panels
- Enjoy lunch
- Meet graduate school recruiters
- Help us by completing and returning your evaluation form (located in your packet)

32 Workshops/Panels (15 topics)

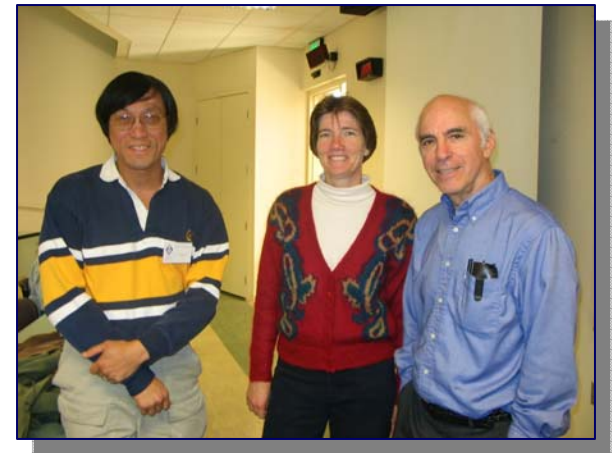
- Physical Sciences & Math
- Engineering & Computer Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Arts & Humanities
- Business & Finance
- Education

- Financing Graduate Education
- Preparing for the GRE
- Demystifying the GRE
- How to Select, Apply to, & Prepare for Graduate School
- Keys to Success in Graduate School
- Role of the Master's Degree
- Undergraduate Research Opportunities
- How to Write a Winning Statement of Purpose



Time Management is Key!

- Capitalize on this opportunity
- Prioritize the workshops that you want to attend and schedule accordingly
 - Use our handouts to plan out your time
- Schedule time to meet graduate school recruiters
- Make new friends



Make Graduate School Connections!

- The Graduate School Fair is from noon to 3 pm
- Over 125 Graduate School recruiters will be participating
- Visit a school that you are not as familiar with...many have wonderful graduate programs with full funding!
- Follow-up with a nice “thank you” e-mail





Recruiter Fair: Preparation

- Stay focused--you are short on time
- Introduce yourself (state your major and academic standing) and what kind of graduate programs you are interested in
- Ask for a business card so that you can ask additional questions and follow-up with a thank you note
- Obtain program materials
- Fill out info cards (or provide them with your business card)



Recruiter Fair: What to Say

- What do graduate students enjoy about your campus?
- Do you offer a doctoral program in my field of study?
- What kind of funding does your institution offer graduate students?
- What is the weather like in your area?
- When is the best time of year to visit?

We Are Ready to Help You!

- We have information booths to help you
- In addition, we have student helpers stationed at various locations (they are wearing special Diversity Forum t-shirts)
- Plus workshop/Panel moderators can also help



Enjoy Your Lunch with New Friends!

- FREE lunch
- Vegetarian food options are available
- Student lunches will be available from 11:50 am to 1:10 pm
- Lunch tickets are in your Forum packets



Look around....many of these students share the same goals as you do.

Take a moment to network and make new friends!

We Need Your Insight!

- At the end of the Forum **please turn in your overall evaluation form**
- In exchange for turning in your completed evaluation form...you will receive a Princeton Review GRE coupon for a free on-line prep course



This Day is All About You!

Before the Diversity Forum

- Register
- Review Diversity Forum handouts
- Confirm your transportation
 - What is your campus bus pick up location and meeting time?
- Wear comfortable shoes



After the Diversity Forum

- Follow-up with speakers, graduate programs, etc.
- Consider applying to graduate school programs that are a good fit for you
- Utilize resources to help you with the application process

Diversity Forum Planning Committee

We are proud to invest in your future!

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CSU Long Beach

CSU Monterey Bay

CSU Sacramento

CSU Stanislaus

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