JENNIFER AARON
Assistant Dean for the Office of the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning
UC Irvine

Jennifer Aaron serves as the Assistant Dean for the Office of the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning, overseeing the financial, personnel, and operational management of the Division of Undergraduate Education (DUE) and the Division of Teaching and Learning (DTL). The Division of Undergraduate Education consists of over 15 academic support services and programs including Campus Wide Honors, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, Undeclared Advising, Student Transition Services, Academic Testing, Study Abroad Center, ANTrepreneur Center, and International Peer Group. The Division of Teaching and Learning includes 4 centers that provides support to faculty, lecturers, postdocs and grad students with teaching-related services. In addition to providing assistance to the Vice Provost/Dean with division-wide projects and the administration of the divisions’ programs and services, her oversight includes areas in strategic planning, staff management and development, payroll/personnel, space planning, financial management, budget planning, and policy compliance.

Jennifer earned her Bachelor’s degree in Biological Sciences from UC Irvine and immediately after graduating, joined a subsidiary of Kaplan, Inc. that provided educational enrichment programs for children. At Kaplan, Inc. she advanced to a Senior Director position for the Orange County region where she managed an educational center business and mentored directors throughout the region. Concurrently, she completed her Master’s Degree in Business from UC Irvine and then joined the UC Irvine Libraries, holding operational and financial positions in their Facilities and Business Office departments. She transitioned to DUE in 2008 as the Financial Manager and shortly after was appointed to as Assistant Dean for DUE. With the creation of the Office of the Vice Provost of Teaching of Learning in 2015, her administrative oversight expanded to include the DTL.
BART AOKI
Director – Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program
UC Office of the President

Bart Aoki serves as Director of the Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP) within the Research Grants Program Office at the UC, Office of the President (UCOP). In this role, he develops and manages the research grant program that is supported by state tobacco tax revenue and allocated to UC for this purpose. Bart interacts on an ongoing basis with external agencies and constituent groups including investigators, both UC and non-UC, to develop priorities and strategies for the allocation of these research funds. He has more than 20 years of experience in the development and management of research programs both at UC and in private non-profit settings. Prior to his position with the TRDRP, he served as Associate Director of the California HIV/AIDS Research Program (CHRP), also at UCOP, where he was responsible for overseeing health services and community research and for developing public-private partnerships between the University, government, and private foundations.

Prior to joining UC, Bart served as Director of Research and Evaluation with the Asian American Recovery Services, Inc., where he led federally-funded community-based demonstration and research studies of youth prevention programs.

As part of his ongoing engagement in the community, he has served on numerous boards and task forces including the board of directors of the Asian and Pacific Islander Wellness Center in San Francisco’s Tenderloin, the Names Project, and the Asian Community Mental Health Services in Oakland. He holds a bachelor’s of science degree in psychology from the University of Washington and a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Colorado. He is a California licensed clinical psychologist and has been active in the national activities of the American Psychological Association (APA).
LORAINE BINION
Executive Director of Finance and Administration for the University Development and Alumni Relations unit
UC Berkeley

Lorraine Binion is currently the Executive Director of Finance and Administration for the University Development and Alumni Relations unit at the University of California, Berkeley. Loraine also serves as Treasurer of the UC Berkeley Foundation and Treasurer of the Berkeley Endowment Management Company. Prior to coming to UC Berkeley, Loraine held a number of senior Finance positions including 18 years at Levi Strauss & Co. Loraine has an MBA from UCLA, has operated her own CPA business, and has served as adjust professor at a Bay Area University and several Colleges.

Community involvement and service is a high priority for Loraine. She has served on various Boards and Community organizations. She has received many awards recognizing her professional accomplishments and commitment to create social change. In addition to Community service, Loraine loves to mentor young adults at Cal and supports various student and staff organizations.
Jennifer Bunge joined the University of California in 1999 as temporary employee, straight out of college. Navigating career opportunities at UC, she now serves as the Director of Resource Management and Planning (RPM) for UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR.)

Her team is responsible for managing approximately $190M for a statewide network of researchers and educators with programs in every county in California and on four campuses. She facilitates development of policies, procedures and guidelines and advises senior leadership in all areas related to utilizing UCANR’s resources.

Jennifer serves on the President's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (PACSW) and mentors others through the UCOP mentorship program. She has also been known to periodically show up at UCOP’s craft fair with homemade soap and knit wear.

Jennifer’s past jobs include assisting a Medical startup, and instructing for H&R Block as a tax professional. She also continues to pilot CPE courses for the CalCPA. Jennifer is a graduate of California Polytechnic – San Luis Obispo, where she majored marketing and accounting. She is also an active Certified Public Accountant.
Kellie Sims Butler, PhD is the Assistant Dean in the Office of Graduate Studies at the University of California, Davis, where she has overall responsibility for the management and operation of the Office of Graduate Studies.

Kellie has considerable experience in higher education administration. Previously, she served as the Executive Director of the Center for Civic Engagement at Rice University in Houston, Texas. Her work at Rice involved collaborating with faculty and university staff to serve students through a variety of research, outreach and engagement projects, as well as overseeing the Office of Fellowships and Undergraduate Research. Kellie has been a faculty member at the Pennsylvania State University, teaching Political Science to both graduate and undergraduate students. She has also worked in MBA admissions at the Texas A&M University Mays Business School.

In addition, she is a committed volunteer who enjoys working with young people and serving her local community. Kellie is married to David Butler, MD, and they have a son, David Jr. (a high school sophomore) and a daughter, Sidney (a junior at NYU Tisch School of the Arts). They currently reside in Folsom, CA.
Sonja Colbert currently is the Executive Officer for the Offices of the Chancellor and Provost (OCP). For OCP, she oversees the unit’s finance, business, human resources, and information technology groups.

Sonja joined UC Davis in 2006 and has held a variety of positions, including Shared Services Center Operations Manager, Information and Educational Technology Fiscal Officer, and Capital Asset Accountant. Before joining UC Davis, Sonja worked in the private sector in various positions, such as Business and Contract Services Director, Management Consultant, and Sr. Systems Supervisor. She was selected for a three-year Financial Management Development program, which included finance and management curriculum, executive mentoring and job rotations in various departments.

While Sonja was born in Mississippi, she spent her early years abroad in various countries. She received her BS in Accounting from CSUS and MBA from UC Davis.
KENDRICK DAVIS
Director of Medical Education, Research & Evaluation
Co-Director of Longitudinal Ambulatory Clinical Experience (LACE)
Assistant Adjunct Professor
UC Riverside

Kendrick Davis, Ph.D. joined the UC Riverside School of Medicine in 2012 and serves as the director of medical education research & evaluation, as co-director of the Longitudinal Ambulatory Clinical Experience (LACE), and as the new director of our research pipeline program, which provides research training and opportunities to Freshmen through Medical Students and Residents.

Davis is responsible for the measurement, evaluation and statistical analysis of the UCR medical education program, and growing the medical education research enterprise.

Davis earned his Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Oklahoma. He attended California State University, San Bernardino as an undergraduate, earning a B.A. in philosophy, then earned an M.A. in philosophy from the University of Oklahoma.

While at Oklahoma, Davis served as a graduate teaching assistant in the department of educational psychology and was team lead in a university-wide curriculum assessment, design and implementation project for instructional innovation.

Davis is a member of the Association for Institutional Research, Research & Planning, the American Psychological Association, the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine, and the American Association of Medical Colleges.

RESEARCH INTERESTS
Davis has an interest in quality improvement research, program and project efficacy and curriculum effectiveness. He has presented on Student Support Services Collaborative Inland Empire/Desert Region Consortium. His grand rounds presentations include "An Overview of the Research Process" and “Bio-Statistics & Epidemiology”.
MARGARET DICK
Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff and Leadership Communications Advisor
Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

Margaret Dick is the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff and Leadership Communications Advisor at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab. A communications professional with a wide range of strategy, media, client relations, and business development skills, she most recently served as executive director of Avoided Deforestation Partners, where she helped to build alliances among public and private sector organizations, convened international events that influenced global policy, and advised producers of major media projects on the critical links between protecting forests and fighting climate change. She also served as strategic communications director for Showtime’s climate change series, “Years of Living Dangerously,” with executive producer James Cameron. Previously, she was assistant professor of Communication at St. Mary’s College of California, and the University of San Francisco. She holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in Communication and Rhetoric from Purdue University, and a B.A. in Rhetoric from the University of California Berkeley.
KELLY DRUMM  
Managing Counsel – Land Use  
UC Office of the President

Appointed the Office of General Counsel's Land Use Group Lead in 2010 and in 2014 was promoted to Managing Counsel, Business Transactions & Land Use. Current responsibilities include:

• Overseeing a team of 11+ attorneys and supporting paralegals/LSS in five high-profile substantive areas – construction, EH&S, energy, land use/entitlements and real estate, and serving as interim manager for estates and trusts legal group.
• Facilitating the provision of results-oriented advice to implement UC’s capital program, real estate and business enterprises.
• Providing legal support to OP’s Energy Services Unit on complex commercial transactions, including solar PPAs and biogas projects.
• Serving as the primary legal advisor on University compliance with federal, state and applicable local land use regulatory and permitting requirements for 10 campuses and associated medical centers, reserves and field stations.
• Managing and providing strategic advice in litigation involving CEQA, LAFCO, Alquist-Priolo and tax-payer actions.
I currently serve as the Executive Director, UCLA Campus Service Enterprises (“CSE”), a Division of the Vice Chancellor, Capital Programs, Budget, and Planning office. CSE consists of a diverse set of businesses: Asset Management, Real Estate, Faculty Housing and Loan Programs, Mail, Document, and Distribution Services, Child Care Services, and Insurance and Risk Management. CSE operates with approximately 250 FTE (300 headcount) and an operating budget of $60MM.

I came to UCLA in 1989 as the Assistant Director of Real Estate, and in the 1990’s became the Director of Real Estate, and in 2000 assumed the position of Executive Director, CSE, which has doubled in size and scope over the past 15 years.

I have a BA from UCLA and an MA from San Francisco State University, and prior to coming to UCLA, served as a Lecturer in the Business Analysis area at SFSU, from 1986-1989.

I was born at UCLA in 1959 to two UCLA student parents, raised in the Central San Joaquin Valley, and am a proud father of three children – Jennifer, who will graduate from the University of Michigan this term, Ethan, who is a Freshman at UC Berkeley and a redshirt freshman on the Cal Bears football team (kicking specialist), and Rachel, a Junior at the Archer School for Girls in Los Angeles. Our family home is in Pacific Palisades, CA.

The majority of my time is dedicated to family and the University, and in my personal free time, I enjoy mountain activities and watersports.
ELLEN FORD
Senior Advisor to the ALD/COO
Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

Ellen Ford is the Senior Advisor to the Chief Operating Officer. Prior to her current appointment, Ellen was the Chief Operating Officer of the Joint BioEnergy Institute for seven years. She joined LBNL in 2002 as the Business Manager for the Physical Biosciences Division, managing financial and administrative operations for the division. She was a key contributor to the Joint BioEnergy Institute’s proposal development and submission. During her time at LBNL, she has contributed to numerous initiatives that focused on the development and implementation of improved business practices and procedures, several of which were in partnership with UC Berkeley. Prior to her work at LBNL, Ellen was the Director of Corporate Operations for Gap, Inc.
HELEN FRASIER
Assistant Vice Provost and
Chief of Staff for Undergraduate Education
UC Davis

Helen Schurke Frasier serves as Assistant Vice Provost and Chief of Staff for Undergraduate Education at the University of California, Davis. Dr. Frasier is responsible for broad oversight of the administration of central academic programs offered through Undergraduate Education. She works closely with the Center for Leadership Learning, the UC Davis Washington Program, and the Office of Summer Sessions. In addition, Dr. Frasier provides leadership for the team that monitors academic enhancements and programmatic activities that support undergraduate student success, student retention and persistence, and timely degree completion. She leads and coordinates strategic decision efforts in collaboration with the colleges and divisions, the Offices of the Chancellor & Provost, and with other campus units. Her academic research focuses on institutional barriers to degree completion, attrition, and time to degree. An accomplished violinist, her performances include symphonic, soundtrack, and solo appearances. Dr. Frasier previously served as the Director, Analysis and Policy for Graduate Studies at the University of California, Davis, Manager of Best Practice Initiatives with the Council of Graduate Schools, and Associate Director for Academic & Student Affairs with the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences at Georgetown University. Dr. Frasier received her Ph.D. in Higher Education from the University of Maryland, College Park. She holds an Ed.M. from Oregon State University and a B.A. in Music from the University of Puget Sound.
Dr. Richard Freishtat serves as Director of Berkeley's Center for Teaching and Learning. Richard has co-created, and currently leads and facilitates a variety of programs. Such programs include the Teaching Excellence Colloquium for new faculty, and the re-envisioned Presidential Chair Fellows Curriculum Enrichment Grant program, which aims to develop, improve, transform, and examine core areas of the undergraduate curriculum. Having consulted within each School and College across the campus, Richard provides individual and small group consultations with faculty on course-level pedagogy, oftentimes coupling consultations with classroom observations of teaching. In addition, he is frequently invited to deliver custom workshops to faculty groups and departments on teaching and learning topics. Active in his efforts to help faculty improve and innovate their pedagogy, and spotlight their successes, he launched and continually writes for the Berkeley Teaching Blog, and authors content for the Teaching@Berkeley newsletter. Richard holds a Ph.D. in Education and an MA in Rhetoric & Public Address. He has been teaching courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels since 2001. He has published and presented widely on topics such as: An evaluation of student evaluations, How the public pedagogy of social media impacts student use of technology in the classroom, Ways to leverage faculty enrichment efforts to broaden participation and impact, and Engaging students in lecture (particularly large enrollment courses). Richard continues to work extensively with departments, schools and colleges across campus to improve teaching through programmatic and faculty-led initiatives.
Jacob Godfrey is the Chief Procurement Officer and Materiel Manager for Business & Financial Services at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Mr. Godfrey’s management responsibilities have included Purchasing, Business Contracts, Credit Card Services, Equipment Management, P2P Systems, Furniture Services, Mail Services, Central Receiving, and Central Stores. He also served at the University of California, Irvine as an Analyst, Auditor, and Strategic Sourcing Manager. Before joining the UC he served at Harvard University as an extramural funds accountant and as a consultant for an investment banking firm.

Mr. Godfrey enjoys working collaboratively with colleagues and has successfully lead the implementation of several campus enterprise systems including application management, financial, and procure-to-pay software systems.

Mr. Godfrey received a B.A. from the University of Vermont and a M.B.A. from Pepperdine University. He lives in Santa Barbara with his wife and three daughters. He enjoys hiking, biking, camping, and travel.
REBECCA GOLDWARE
Chief of Staff, Research and Economic Development
UC Riverside

Rebecca Goldware is an active participant serving in a variety of roles all in an effort to support the growth and sustainability of Riverside and the greater region. Currently serving as the Chief of Staff for the Research and Economic Development Office at the University of California Riverside, Rebecca is the lead for a number of community based efforts including serving as the Acting Incubator Director for Riverside ExCITE; a collaborative effort by UC Riverside, the County and City of Riverside, and members of the business community to promote high-tech entrepreneurs in the region. In addition, Rebecca sits on the Feeding America Inland Empire Board of Directors and is a member of InSoCal Connect, a developing regional effort to promote entrepreneurial startups in the region.
Peter Hendrickson, a licensed Architect with over twenty-nine years of experience in the practice of architecture, facilities planning, design, and construction.

His leadership skills, complemented by progressive experience in architectural design, project management, and staff development, has enabled Peter to work successfully both in the public and private sectors for some of the nation’s leading healthcare and educational institutions.

As the Associate Vice Chancellor - Design and Construction for UCLA Capital Programs, Peter is responsible for managing the design and construction of the approximately two billion dollar capital improvement program for the Campus.

Current major activities include the seismic mitigation and infrastructure improvement of the Center for the Health Sciences and a number of ongoing research, education, housing, athletic, and auxiliary facility construction projects.

Peter is also involved in the planning and development of new projects to renovate or replace the existing health sciences facilities, as well as managing other new and continuing campus academic, arts, administrative, and seismic renovation projects.

Prior to joining UCLA, Peter served as the Director, Facilities Planning, Design, and Construction at Cedars-Sinai Health System and as the Chief of Facilities Planning for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.

Peter spent the first ten years of his career in private practice serving the Long Beach/ South Bay area of Southern California. He also served those communities as an AIA California Council Director, President of AIA Long Beach / South Bay, and as an Economic Development Commissioner for the City of Long Beach.

Peter is a graduate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and the California State University International Program.
David Kimber is the Principal Business Officer for the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences (VCHS) at UC San Diego. He acts on behalf of the vice chancellor’s office in his absence in discussions with deans, chairs, and the CEOs of UC San Diego Health and Faculty Practice, as well the UC Office of the President, and the Office of the Regents. He serves many masters as he interfaces with professional schools and departments across Health Sciences and main campus to resolve challenges, coordinate strategies and execute projects.

With a unique blend of leadership, vision, and knowledge of medical center operations, Mr. Kimber provides strategic assistance on a wide range of initiatives impacting main campus, UC San Diego Health and academic Health Sciences. Additionally, he oversees academic program development and project management as well as affiliate and industry relations, affiliate business management, business contracting, and coordination of communications and public relations.

Mr. Kimber is an experienced academic leader who brings 18 years of administrative and financial expertise to this position. Before joining UC San Diego, he held key financial roles at Scripps Green Hospital and Sharp Healthcare.

He earned his undergraduate degree in public administration from San Diego State and his MBA from WP Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. Mr. Kimber is a member of the American Association of Medical Colleges Group on Business Affairs, Healthcare Financial Management Association, Medical Group Management Association, and Administrators of Internal Medicine.
KATE KLIMOW  
Assistant Vice Chancellor, Community and Government Relations  
UC Irvine

In her role, Kate provides leadership in developing and implementing programs and strategies to engage community and government leaders in support of campus priorities at the local, state and federal levels for UC Irvine’s teaching, research and public service missions.

In addition to managing the Office of Community & Government Relations and administering the advocacy and community engagement programs for UCI, she works collaboratively with senior administrators at UCI and the University of California Office of the President to maintain UCI’s position as one of the most dynamic campuses in the University of California system.

Kate has a broad-based business perspective gained from working within both the public and private sectors throughout her career in public affairs. She began working for an Arizona governor and the Arizona Department of Commerce before moving to California in 1997 to handle community relations for Parsons Corporation, an international engineering and design firm.

After three years with the development division for Walt Disney Imagineering, Kate moved to the Disneyland Resort, managing government affairs and industry relations for the theme parks, hotels, retail/dining venue, and two sports teams. Following Disney, Kate worked for KB Home, a Fortune 500 national homebuilder, where she provided strategic government relations and public affairs support for operating divisions throughout the United States. After a short term as the Executive Director of the Los Angeles division of the California Apartment Association, Kate joined the Orange County Business Council as Vice President of Government Relations.

Kate has been recognized by OC Metro as “20 Women to Watch” and has been a nominee for the Orange County Business Journal’s “Women in Business Awards”. In addition to active involvement with a number of community organizations, she presently serves on the boards of the Irvine Chamber of Commerce, Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce, South Orange County Economic Coalition, Second Harvest Food Bank, One OC and Newport Banning Land Trust.

Kate grew up in Phoenix, Arizona, but braved the cold, upstate New York winters to graduate from Colgate University. She is married to her UCI Anteater husband David Golbeck.
Mariam Lam joined the University of California, Riverside as faculty in 2002 after twelve years at UC Irvine. As an Executive Council member and Vice Chair, she co-chairs the Assessment Advisory Steering Committee, serves on the Change Management Systems (Banner) Committee and the Summer Sessions Administrative Advisory Committee. Prior to this position, she served on the Committee on Committees from 2011-2014, serving as Chair and systemwide representative at the UCOC from 2012-2014. From 2009-2011, she was a CHASS Executive Committee Member, while also serving as Director of Graduate Studies for the Southeast Asian Studies Research Program (SEATRiP), later stepping into the role of Director in 2011-2016.

In her role as Director of Southeast Asian Studies, she oversees the graduate program, two undergraduate minors, and language program offerings within the unit. Through interdepartmental partnerships and collaboration with Graduate Division, she built MA/PhD tracks for graduate programs leading from a Master’s Degree in Southeast Asian Studies directly into PhD Degrees in Anthropology, Comparative Literature, Ethnic Studies and History. She created an international Southeast Asian cultural studies research Consortium made up of institutions from throughout Asia, including Japan, Singapore, Viet Nam, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, etc., and is currently working with IT staff to build a UC digital archival and pedagogical research repository for the Consortium.

Lam’s own work centers on Southeast Asian and Asian American literatures, arts and cultures, postcolonial criticism, diaspora and globalization, gender and sexuality, translation, tourism, community politics, media and educational development, trauma, minoritization and multiculturalism, and academic disciplinarity. She is Founding Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Vietnamese Studies for UC Press, a founding and standing Editorial Board Member of BOOM: A Journal of California, also for UC Press, and current President of the Riverside Asian American Community Association (RAACA).
SYLVIA LEPE-ASKARI
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Campus Budget Office
UC San Diego

Sylvia Lepe-Askari is Assistant Vice Chancellor for Campus Budget Office at the University of California San Diego; a student-centered, research-focused, service-oriented public institution that is recognized as one of the top research universities worldwide.

In that role, Sylvia reports directly to the Vice Chancellor - Chief Financial Officer and assists the VC in the full range of strategic initiatives as they pertain to the campus budget, $1 billion in core operating and $4 billion to total revenues. She supports the VC in creating an integrated multi-year, multi-funds financial plan and ensures that the university’s financial resources support institutional priorities articulated in the campus strategic plan. She represents the VC and acts on his behalf on operating budget issues as needed, and works closely with local campus senior executives as well as budget leadership at the Office of the President and other UC campuses.

Sylvia has a Master of Business Administration and Finance from San Diego State University, and Bachelors in Management Science from the University of California San Diego.
LAURA E. MARTIN, Ph.D.
Director, Office of Periodic Review, Assessment, and Accreditation Support (OPRAAS)
UC Merced

Laura E. Martin, Ph.D., is the founding Director of the Office of Periodic Review, Assessment, and Accreditation Support (OPRAAS) and the Accreditation Liaison Officer for the University of California, Merced. Following her 2011 appointment as the Coordinator for Institutional Assessment, reporting to the Provost, Laura has been working to advance evidence-based continuous improvement and quality assurance processes, academic and administrative, at UC Merced. Previously, Laura was the Assistant Director of the Center for Research on Teaching Excellence where, as an assessment and accreditation coordinator, she coordinated UC Merced’s Initial Accreditation and supported faculty development in teaching, learning, and assessment. Laura is a graduate of the WSCUC Assessment Leadership Academy and has offered numerous workshops for WSCUC, as well as served on a number of WSCUC accreditation teams. Laura earned her PhD in Biology at the University of California, Los Angeles, and has worked as a researcher, university lecturer, outreach education specialist, and middle school science teacher.
David P. McHale, P.E., has been part of the UCSB family since 2001 and was selected as the Director for Facilities Management in May 2014. Prior to assuming this position, David recently served as an Associate Director within FM since 2008 where he oversaw the Utilities and Energy Services Group. In addition to his current position, David has been involved with Gaucho U as an instructor for the Crucial Conversations program and has targeted outreach training with other UC departments. David is deeply involved with the Long Range Development plan for the university and provides support for the campus concerning electrical design, energy conservation, renewable energy sources and power quality issues. He has a strong background with the National Electric Code and was Chairman for the Wisconsin Utilities Association National Electric Code Committee and Vice Chairman for the State of Wisconsin National Electric Code Committee. He has been a member of the IEEE for over 25 years and the International Association of Electrical Inspectors for 15 years. He received his BSEE from Michigan Technological University.
Jan Andow Mendenhall is the Associate Vice Chancellor of Development at UC Merced. She oversees the Development unit to cultivate external resources for the campuses by building long term relationships with corporations, foundations and major donors. She also works with the Vice Chancellor of Development and Alumni Relations in support of the UC Merced Foundation Board. Jan has been with UC Merced for 17 years.

Prior to UC Merced, she was the Vice President of Research and Development for International Food Solutions, a division of Unilever. Responsible for new business development, strategic planning, and the development of successful new marketing concepts and products for their Fortune 500 clients, she led a team that was considered one of the most creative and successful R&D groups in the food industry.
MICHAEL MILLER
Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships
UC Santa Barbara

Michael Miller is currently the Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He attended Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore. and went on to earn his doctorate degree from Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara.

As a first generation college student, Miller has a passion for access and affordability in higher education and is responsible for creating the *7 Easy Steps to the FAFSA, A Student’s Guide to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid* tutorial. The tutorial has received national awards and recognition and is currently used by hundreds of colleges and universities across the country.

Miller also recently created UCSB’s Promise Scholar Program, which is a groundbreaking financial aid program which was released in 2015. A description of the program can be found here: Traditional financial aid programs determine financial need and awards on a year-to-year basis. This makes it difficult and sometimes impossible for students and their families to plan for future academic years. By promising our Scholars four years of predictable financial resources, we give them the opportunity to thrive academically and become active, productive participants of a world-class research institution like UC Santa Barbara. The UCSB Promise Scholar Program was established to recognize talented, incoming undergraduates who have demonstrated significant potential to embark on a journey of rigorous academics, cutting-edge research, and student leadership. Currently the promise includes a minimum of $120,000 in financial support for incoming freshman students over their four years at UCSB. The Promise Scholarship will promote attainment, completion, and overall success in all aspects of our Scholars’ education goals within the UCSB community.

Miller is also active on the state and nation level and is currently working with the NCAA and the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) on multiple initiatives. In 2015, Miller also served as the Acting Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management at UCSB.

Miller got his start in higher education as a student athlete and went on to earn multiple All-American honors in track and field. He also competed in the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Trials and is one of 350 Americans that have broken the four minute mile barrier. He lives in Santa Barbara with his wife Jill and daughters Olivia, Emma, and Ava.
As Executive Director for Alumni Relations, Jeff Minhas helps to lead alumni engagement initiatives for UC Irvine’s 160,000 degreed alumni. His focus is to build meaningful relationships between alumni and all areas of UCI. He oversees alumni events, marketing, young alumni and student engagement, career services and operations. A proud alumnus, Jeff graduated from UC Irvine with a B.A. in political science and a minor in information and computer science.
John Mouledoux leads UCI’s Web and internal communications efforts as a member of the Office of Strategic Communications’ senior management team. He began his UCI career in 1999 as director of marketing for the Claire Trevor School of the Arts, transitioning to Strategic Communications in 2000. A native of New Orleans, he received his B.A. in drama and speech from Loyola University New Orleans and his M.F.A. in theatre management from California Institute of the Arts. Prior to joining UCI, he served for 15 years in marketing and communications leadership roles at South Coast Repertory, a Tony Award-winning professional resident theatre in Costa Mesa, Calif.
SUZANNE M. MURPHY  
Executive Director, Finance & Administration,  
Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost’s Division  
UC San Francisco

As the Executive Director of Finance & Administration for the Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost’s organization at UCSF, Murphy has responsibility for the overall leadership and management of fiscal and administrative operations supporting an organization with an annual budget of $200M, 28 departments and over 973 staff & faculty. The Executive Director advises and collaboratively develops plans related to the overall EVC&P organizational goals and budget, funding strategies, space planning and assignments, personnel management and development, and new strategic initiatives. Serving as an institutional resource, Murphy provides financial guidance and strategic support to the Executive Vice Chancellor and his direct reports as well as to the Chancellor’s Office and the Vice Chancellor for Diversity & Outreach. Operationally, Murphy has developed and leads a team of skilled administrators and analysts in supporting the EVC&P’s organization.

Participating actively on numerous campus committees, Murphy is currently a member of the Budget and Investment Working Group, the Research Administration Board, the funding subcommittee of the Office of Sponsored Research Advisory Board, the Block 33 Programming Committee, and is the Co-Chair of the Human Resources Advisory Board.

With more than 30 years of nonprofit and higher education management, accounting, budgeting, and strategic planning experience, Murphy’s former roles include the Director of Enterprise & Endowment Programs for the San Jose State University Research Foundation, working on innovative university and city collaborations such as the San Jose BioCenter; Director of Administration & Finance for Redefining Progress, a public policy organization focused on smart economics, environmental preservation, and social justice; and Controller with Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the nonprofit partner supporting the National Park Service’s educational and environmental stewardship programs and projects in the Golden Gate National Parks.
Professor Nosang Vincent Myung received his B.S. M.S. and Ph. D. Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1994, 1997, and 1998, respectively. He spent three years as a research engineer at the same institution. In 2001-2003, he joined micro electromechanical systems (MEMS) group at Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) which is one of NASA center as a member of engineering staff. In 2003, he joined Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering at University of California-Riverside. Currently, he is the department chair and co-associate director for Winston Chung Global Energy Center. During his career, he received a few awards including KIChe President Award, Brainpool Fellow from Korean Government, University of California Regent Fellowship, Jet Propulsion Laboratory Spot Award, Abner Brenner gold medal award from American Electroplaters and Surface Finishers Society (AESF), First time author’s award from Plating and Surface Finishing, National Science Foundation graduate fellowship, Department of Education fellowship, American Electroplating and Surface Finishing summer scholarship, Hughes aircraft company scholarship. Dr. Myung’s research interests are focused on the synthesis of nanoengineered materials and apply these materials in various advanced applications including spintronics, sensors, electronics, optoelectronics, energy harvesting, and environmental remediation. Dr. Myung’s group objective is to control nanoscale sized features to enhance material properties and device functions beyond those that we currently know. Currently, he published over 180 peer-reviewed journal papers and his h-index is 44 with the total citation of over 7000.
KEITH NATHANIEL
UC Cooperative Extension’s New County Director for LA County
UC Agriculture and Natural Resources

In January, 2012, Dr. Keith Nathaniel was appointed to fill the role of County Director position. He has been with UC Cooperative Extension since 1994. He began as program coordinator and later moved on to becoming the 4-H youth development advisor for Los Angeles County. Along with his many years of leadership experience and organizational knowledge, his academic expertise is in after-school programs, adolescent development and youth science literacy. We couldn’t be in better hands!

“As director, I am excited to lead this organization and build on the momentum and achievements made by our staff and programs under Dr. Surl’s leadership,” said Nathaniel. “We will continue to help LA County residents live well and thrive, particularly during these challenging economic times,” he added.

Nathaniel received his doctorate in educational leadership from UCLA, a master’s degree in education from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and a bachelor’s degree from UC Davis.

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Cathy O’Sullivan is Chief of Staff to the Chief Operating Officer for the UC system, Rachael Nava, and Director of UC’s Working Smarter Initiative, a system-wide administrative efficiency and innovation program. “Working Smarter” is UC’s commitment to find $500 million in savings and new revenue and redirect if from administrative use to the core teaching and research mission. Cathy has been at UC for over 12 years. Prior to her current roles, she served with the UC Procurement group, negotiating UC-wide vendor contracts. Before coming to UC, Cathy was at Intel Corporation in various roles, both in the global IT division and later for several years at Intel Capital, where she worked directly with startup companies in which Intel had made strategic venture investments. Cathy has also worked in other high tech companies, both large and start-up stage. She is a double-degree holder from UC, with a Bachelor’s Degree from UC San Diego and an MBA from UC Davis Graduate School of Management.
As Campus Counsel at UC Irvine, Kyhm Penfil serves senior leadership on campus and within the UC system as an advocate, a partner, an advisor, a problem solver and an honest broker across a broad range of matters of significance to the University. Before joining the University, Ms. Penfil was a partner at Irell & Manella, where her practice focused on intellectual property and complex business litigation. *The National Law Journal* named the verdict she and her colleagues won for their client Western Digital one of the top 15 defense verdicts for the year 1999.

Before law school, Ms. Penfil specialized as an art historian at the Wildenstein gallery in New York; she also has taught Copyright Law, Intellectual Property Law and Trademark Law. Ms. Penfil earned her J.D. at the University of Southern California and her A.B. at Wellesley College. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Anti-Defamation League of Orange County and Long Beach and on the Board of the Orange County Bar Association. *Los Angeles Magazine* and *Law & Politics* have named Ms. Penfil one of the Top 50 Super Lawyers in Orange County and Top 50 Female Super Lawyers in Southern California.
Michelle Popowitz, JD, MPH is a seasoned campus administrator who fortuitously found her way into research development after being hired to work for the UCLA Vice Chancellor for Research in a Chief of Staff role. Her expertise is in navigating UCLA—experience she garnered while working as the Assistant Dean for Administration & External Affairs in the UCLA School of Dentistry. In Michelle’s current role, she and her colleague, Jill Sweitzer, started a pilot program to catalyze team research on campus that blossomed into the campus-wide UCLA Grand Challenges initiative with an expanded team.

UCLA has announced two Grand Challenges and anticipates adding a third by 2019, UCLA’s 100th anniversary. The first, the Sustainable LA Grand Challenge, was announced in November 2013 and promises to transition LA to 100% renewable energy, 100% locally sourced water and enhanced ecosystem health by 2050. The second, the Depression Grand Challenge, commits to cut the burden of depression in half by 2050 and eliminate it by the end of the century.

Prior to joining the staff at UCLA in September 2001, Michelle worked as a transactional attorney and in hospital administration. She has a BA in Sociology from UCLA, a JD from Loyola Law School (in Los Angeles) and an MPH from the UCLA School of Public Health. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband and two sons with a dog anticipated to join the family soon. She loves to talk about her experiences with UCLA and how inspiring it is to work with teams pursuing solutions to grand challenges, so please do not hesitate to contact her.
Janine Roeth is Director, Client Services and Security and Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for the UC Santa Cruz where she has worked since 1997. She currently oversees client support, IT service management and information security.

As CISO, Janine has overall responsibility for the information security program at UC Santa Cruz. Her unit directly oversees information security governance, policy, compliance, campus incident response, education and awareness. Janine works collaboratively across campus to establish IT strategic directions and to ensure the alignment of information security initiatives and activities with same.

Janine has led the adoption of IT Service Management (ITSM) since UC Santa Cruz unified IT under one CIO in 2004. She and her staff were responsible for the first IT service catalog, service level agreements and many other aspects of ITSM at UC Santa Cruz. Her team of IT Service Managers and multiple support teams work to deliver IT support and services of value to diverse campus clients of faculty, staff and students.

Janine has a B.A in Computer Science from Brown University and began her career in higher education as a faculty technology developer at Stanford University. Between Stanford and joining UC Santa Cruz in 1997, Janine worked in Silicon Valley for technology or educational technology companies such as Apple, Kaleida Labs and Computer Curriculum Corporation.
Veronica Ruiz is the Assistant Dean and Chief Financial and Administrative Officer for the new School of Public Policy at UC Riverside. Her responsibilities include providing strategic leadership and guidance on all financial, budgetary, and administrative matters to include academic personnel and human resources functions. As part of the executive management team of the school, she contributes to strategic vision setting, critical decision-making, and represents the school on various campus-wide committees.

Prior to joining the UCR School of Public Policy, Veronica served as the Financial Operations Manager for the Chancellor and Provost/Executive Vice Chancellor organization. Her past leadership experience also include serving on the UCR Staff Assembly Executive Board for three years serving in multiple leadership capacities such as Vice President/President-Elect, President, and Past President. As Staff Assembly President, she served on the Chancellor’s Executive Cabinet for one year and on the Council of UC Staff Assemblies as a junior/senior delegate. She has also served on a number of campus wide committees such as the Campus Strategic Planning Steering Committee helping to guide the development of the UCR 2020 Strategic Plan. As part of this process, she was the Vice Chair for the Campus Climate, Diversity, and Community Subcommittee. Additionally, she served two years on the Chancellor’s Advisory Council on Campus Climate, Culture and Inclusion. Most recently, she have been actively engaged with the Organizational Excellence Initiative at UCR serving on the leadership team and consistently working to translate ideas into action.

Veronica has a Master of Public Administration and is an alumni of the UCR campus with a Bachelor’s in Political Science and Sociology.
JOHN SCROGGS  
Chief of Staff for the Division of Strategic Academic and Facilities Planning  
UC Berkeley

John Scroggs is the Chief of Staff for the Division of Strategic Academic and Facilities Planning at UC Berkeley. In this role, John provides strategic guidance, advising, and analyses of programs and initiatives for the Vice Provost. He executes a variety of activities delegated in the areas of academic and facilities planning, short- and long-range policy and program development, and communications. The purview of the Division includes campus-level strategic planning; facilities planning; the Academic Program Review process; and interdisciplinary initiatives such as the New Initiative Centers and the Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society.

Prior to his work with the Vice Provost, he spent two years as the ASUC Student Union as a Transition Implementation Manager. In that role, he was instrumental in the transition of the ASUC Student Union from the Division of Administration and Finance to the Division of Student Affairs. He shared oversight for the $223M Lower Sproul Redevelopment Building Project, was the liaison to the ASUC Student Union Board of Directors, and collaborated with the ASUC and the Graduate Assembly on many initiatives, including most recently the rewriting of the Commercial Activities and Student Services Agreement, governing the relationship between the student government and the university administration.

Before moving to California, John served for many years at Texas A&M University as the Chief of Staff for, first, the Office of the Associate Provost and Dean of Faculties and, later, the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. Other roles included lecturing in the Undergraduate Research Initiative and directing the Organizational Development and Diversity program, both in the Office of the Vice President for Research. He earned both an M.S. in Science and Technology Journalism and a B.A. in English and Philosophy from Texas A&M.
NATHAN TRAUERNICHT  
Fire Chief  
City of Davis & UC Davis

Serving in the fire service since 1993, Nathan J. Trauernicht has a diverse background that includes positions ranging from Firefighter to Fire Chief with departments across the country. He has worked for volunteer, combination, and career departments of varying size and complexity.

Currently Fire Chief for the City of Davis and University of California – Davis, Chief Trauernicht provides overall leadership and direction to both departments under a shared fire management agreement that serves a combined population of over 100,000. His primary responsibilities are for the administration of the departments’ budget, strategic planning, resource deployment strategies, and business functions. Along with the city and campus departments, Nathan also administers agreements to three fire protection districts that contract with the City of Davis for comprehensive fire and emergency services.

Nathan was recently recognized by the Sacramento Business Journal as one of its 40 Under 40 for 2015, representing the region’s youngest and brightest professionals. In large part this recognition can be attributed to a series of innovative programs he championed including introducing the lifesaving smart phone application PulsePoint, the vision behind the multi-agency training division known as the West Valley Regional Fire Training Consortium, and Fit for Fire which introduces the community to the fire service through a challenging group fitness class.

Chief Trauernicht earned his undergraduate degree in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering from Oklahoma State University and holds a master’s degree in public administration from the Keller Graduate School of Management. Beyond completing the Executive Leadership and Management Institute (ELMI) at Stanford University, Nathan is a graduate of the UC Davis Executive Program, Member of the Institution of Fire Engineers (MIFireE), and is designated as a Chief Fire Officer® (CFO), Chief EMS Officer® (CEMSO), and as a Chief Training Officer® (CTO) by the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

Chief Trauernicht is active in a number of professional groups, boards and committees; he currently serves as Immediate Past President of the California Fire Chiefs Association (CFCA), as two time Past President of the CFCA - Operations Chiefs Section, is appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Fire Service Research Center and Policy Institute, and on technical committees for NFPA 1000 and NFPA 1021.
Tracey Tsugawa serves as the Title IX Officer and Director of the Harassment and Discrimination Prevention and Investigation Unit (HDPIU) at the University of California, Santa Cruz. The Title IX Office and HDPIU are a part of the Office for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ODEI) at UC Santa Cruz. Tracey’s responsibilities include conducting and overseeing harassment and discrimination complaint investigations and alternative resolutions, coordinating and engaging in campus-wide education and outreach on related topics, and working collaboratively with other campus entities on case management and policy development, implementation, and compliance. Since joining the UC Santa Cruz staff in August 2014, Tracey has also served as an active member of the UC Presidential Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence and Sexual Assault and oversees the implementation of Task Force mandates on the UC Santa Cruz campus.

Having grown up in Santa Cruz and spent a good deal of her childhood on the UC Santa Cruz campus, Tracey has returned home after studying and working on the east coast for 24 years. Prior to returning to Santa Cruz, Tracey spend 15 years as a Civil Rights Investigator for the Vermont Human Rights Commission, playing a key leadership role on a state level on issues of bullying and harassment in schools and immigrant and refugee issues such as access to services, provision of interpreter services, and cultural competency in service provision. Tracey also taught Environmental Justice classes in the Environmental Studies Program at the University of Vermont as well as graduate courses in organization development, workplace conflict resolution, ethics and leadership, and workplace cultural competency in the Human Services Master's Program at Springfield College in Boston.

Tracey has a B.A. from Oberlin College and an M.Ed. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She has lived and taught in Tokyo, Japan, and Cali, Colombia. She is a classical musician, competitive tennis player, and passionate culinary artist. Tracey is thrilled and relieved to be home again among the majestic redwoods and along side the gorgeous Pacific Ocean!
MOLLY VITORTE
Interim Chief of Staff and Director of Development
UC Berkeley

Molly Vitorte is the Director of Development, Undergraduate Education at the University of California, Berkeley. In her role as director, Molly has fundraised for undergraduate education initiatives at Berkeley since 2012.

After receiving her Ph.D. from Berkeley in 1999. Molly worked in the UC Office of the President and served as the associate Director of the Center for Latin American Studies at Stanford University. From 2006 to 2012, Molly worked with two San Francisco-based national nonprofit organizations: the Hispanic Scholarship Fund as the National Director of Outreach and GreatSchools as the VP of Local Engagement.

Molly grew up in South America, but has lived in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1991. In her spare time, Molly enjoys cooking and salsa dancing.
Sharon Walker is the Associate Dean for Student Academic Affairs and a Professor of Chemical and Environmental Engineering at UC Riverside’s Bourns College of Engineering. Her research focuses on water quality, particularly the fate and transport of bacteria and nanoparticles in water. Walker, who received her Ph.D. in environmental engineering from Yale University in 2004, she earned her M.S. in Chemical and Environmental Engineering from Yale in 2000, and two Bachelor of Science degrees from the University of Southern California in Environmental Engineering and Environmental Studies in 1998. Walker is a member of the American Chemical Society (ACS), Association for Environmental Engineering and Science Professors (AEESP), American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), Association of Women in Science (AWIS), and Society of Women Engineers (SWE). She is also a member of Chi Epsilon, Tau Beta Pi, and Golden Key honor societies. Walker is a faculty advisor to the UC Riverside Alpha Beta chapter of Tau Beta Pi and campus chapter of Society of Women Engineers. She is an elected member of the Board of Directors for the AEESP and the ACS’s Colloids and Surface Science Division Symposium Committee. She was awarded the 2008 Woman of Distinction Award by the Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council for her outreach efforts in Science Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education and the 2011 Chancellor's Award for mentoring undergraduates in research. Her honors include her Fulbright Scholarship at Ben Gurion University in Israel (2009-2010) and an ELATE fellowship (2014-2015). She is the principal investigator on a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant that aims to motivate community college students to transfer to a four-year university to study STEM. She is also the co-principal investigator on an NSF Advance grant focused on professional development for women faculty in STEM fields and a NSF grant (IGERT) grant aimed at training an interdisciplinary team of PhD students to be future water leaders. Most recently, Dr. Walker served as the Associate Dean of the Graduate Division at UCR (2014-2015).
GILLIAN WILSON
Professor of Physics & Astronomy
College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS)
UC Riverside

Originally from Scotland, Gillian Wilson received a B.Sc. in Physics from the University of Glasgow and a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Durham, U.K. She has held professional positions at the Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics, the University of Hawaii, Brown University, and Caltech/Spitzer Science Center. Gillian’s research interests include clusters of galaxies, galaxy evolution and cosmology. She leads the international “SpARCS” and “GCLASS” cluster surveys and is a regular user of the University of California Observatories and NASA’s Hubble & Spitzer Space Telescopes.

Gillian has served both as the Chair of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Executive Committee and as the Interim Divisional Dean for Physical Sciences and Mathematics at UCR. She currently serves as a member of the University of California Observatories Advisory Committee and as a member of the Gemini Observatory Science and Technology Advisory Committee. Gillian is also a member of the “Fundamental physics and cosmology” and “Early universe, galaxy formation and the intergalactic medium” International Science Development Teams for the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT). Gillian is committed to Public Outreach.
Margaret Wu is Managing Counsel for the Office of General Counsel’s Litigation group, which represents the University and oversees outside counsel in litigation throughout the system. She supervises thirteen attorneys and also helps manage the team’s paralegals and legal support specialists. In addition, she directly handles and monitors outside counsel in academic affairs and other complex litigation in a variety of areas, including student and faculty free speech, public records requests, and privacy and data breaches. At the Office of the President, she serves as the current Chair of the President’s Advisory Committee for the Status of Women and is a past co-Chair of UCOP Pride, the LGBT staff association. She also actively participates in the National Association of College and University Attorneys, including as a panel speaker and a past Chair of the NACUANOTES Editorial Board.

Prior to joining the University in 2007, Ms. Wu worked as a litigation attorney at Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco and at Boies, Schiller & Flexner in Oakland. Ms. Wu also clerked for U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken. Ms. Wu is a graduate of Stanford University (A.B. 1991) and of the University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall) (J.D. 1996), where she was a member of the California Law Review and Chair of the Moot Court Board.