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# UC Tech Awards 2023 Candidate

**Category:** DEI LEADERSHIP

**Name:** John Ives, Interim Security Operations Manager, Information Security Office, UCB – Staff  
**Number of people**: (1)  
**Location:** UC Berkeley

# Person submitting the application/nomination

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# The name of your organization: UCB

1. **Award category:** DEI Leadership
2. **Name of person, name of the team, or name of the project to receive the award** 
   1. John Ives, Interim Security Operations Manager, Information Security Office, UCB - Staff
3. **All project team members - if applicable**
4. **Which location was affected by the work?** (the name(s) of the organization affected)
   1. UCB
   2. Greater Cybersecurity Community
   3. **Summary:** John is a committed Cybersecurity professional who is dedicated to the growth and diversification of the cybersecurity workforce which is evident by his educational engagements and the many organizations that he supports.
5. **Narrative**

John is on staff with The Diana Initiative(TDI), a conference helping those underrepresented in Information Security. As part of his TDI work he is a lead for the Call for Presentations where he is responsible for choosing and configuring CFP software, finding CFP reviewers, making the final determinations on speakers, and getting that information to the mentor team so they can pair new speakers with mentors. The leads for CFP also identify and invite the opening and closing keynote speakers.

John strives to make sure that underrepresented groups are aware of higher education jobs, by posting security jobs to the TDI jobs list and newsletter; as well as sharing with various national and regional groups that he is affiliated with. John is committed to fostering community engagement and facilitates connecting people and making introductions which is often critical for those from underrepresented groups trying to enter or advance in the field of cybersecurity. He also participated in the UCB campus work on removing exclusionary language in IT.

John is co-lead for CFP with Skytalks, an off-the-record village at DEF CON. He regularly volunteers at BSides San Francisco. He is a reviewer for CFP papers for BSides Orlando, and has done the same for Circle City Con, and Educause; all with a lens towards ensuring historically underrepresented individuals are spotlighted.

He has spoken on Forensic issues at Skytalks, at the REN-ISAC regional meeting, at the UC Davis Security Symposium. And most recently spoke about the UCB ISO team’s work in cloud security. John also participates in a Zeroday Emergency Response Team with people from across multiple industries to discuss and share information when new critical vulnerabilities are discovered.