

Berkeley Initiative for Leadership on Diversity Project – Hosted by Native American Staff Council

October 10, 2008

Dear UCB Staff,

The Native American Staff Council is pleased to announce our first **Diversity Conference and Career Resource Fair** scheduled for **Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 8:30 am to 6:30 pm at the International House, Chevron Auditorium**. November is Native American Heritage Month, and the conference is our contribution to honoring and recognizing Native American contributions and promoting our unique sovereign status.

The conference is one of ten projects funded as part of the Berkeley Initiative for Leadership on Diversity (BILD) that was launched in May 2006 by Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau to serve as a catalyst for engaging the campus community in innovative approaches and partnerships that advance staff diversity and foster an inclusive workplace environment. Chancellor Birgeneau has been honored by the Carnegie Corporation as a recipient of the 2008 Academic Leadership for his uncompromising commitment to academic excellence and equity, and for his bold, visionary leadership. Through his commitment, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Equity and Inclusion was created to ensure that issues of diversity and inclusion become part of our campus culture at the highest level of administration. Dr. Gibor Basri, Vice Chancellor for Equity and Inclusion will provide welcoming remarks at the conference.

We invite you to **Pre-Register** early by placing your mouse over the link below (you will see a light yellow box) then hit **“CTRL, release then click”** on the link below. It does take a few moments before you are linked to Survey Gizmo where you can Pre-Register and indicate what workshop categories you might be interested in attending. The survey explains the conference and allows you to ask questions and indicate if any accommodations are needed.

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s/66419/diversity-conference-career-resources-fair>

The survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete. Please **send us your response (Pre-Registration) by Friday, October 31, 2008**. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, you may also indicate your preference and include your comments on the survey.

We hope you are able to join us in this empowering conference where you can be part of critical dialogue around diversity, inclusion and social justice. You can gain information about resources, best practices, learn about new staff diversity initiatives and network. Our exceptional keynote speakers will provide dynamic talks followed by a question and answer session. Come learn about the contributions, culture and heritage of many Native American tribes, who continue to remain a vital cultural, political, social and moral presence.

If you can not access the link above, you may **rsvp by emailing** (your name, department, email and types of workshops you are interested in) to: Jackie Blossom-Garcia, blossom@berkeley.edu or call (510) 642-8241 if you have any questions. Look for additional information on the Equity and Inclusion website: <http://diversity.berkeley.edu/index.php>

Best regards,

Jackie Blossom-Garcia, Project Coordinator

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