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Hello Civil and Environmental Engineering Graduate Students,

... And just like that week 6 is over! I hope you and your loved ones are doing well and I hope you have a great weekend. Please see the weekly announcements below:

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Student Resources

Student Mental Well-Being During COVID-19

May 21st, 2020 from 1pm – 2pm

Interested in learning about virtual mental health support? Emilia George, UC Davis Mental Well-Being Health Promotion Specialist, will be sharing helpful tips and mental health resources for College of Engineering students. You must register to attend this presentation.

Registration link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYude6trj4jGtwrl1wLXj2puRELZEVRmARw>

All participants are encouraged to submit mental health questions or concerns using the survey link below. Please note, survey responses are anonymous and confidential.

Survey link: https://ucdavis.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_81jbkhFulq0oirj

GSA Pantry and Aggie Compass

The GSA Pantry and Aggie Compass are happy to continue grocery bag pick-up for the remainder of spring quarter. Please [register this week](#) and you will be on the list for the rest of the quarter, no need to sign-up again. We'll close registration Monday the 18th at 11:59 pm, and our first distribution will be hosted on Thursday, 5/21 at 12-2 pm. You can cancel any time by emailing bloof@ucdavis.edu. Please let us know if you won't be able to pick up your bag in a certain week and we'll let someone in from the waitlist.

Bag pick-ups will be on Thursdays between 12 pm and 2 pm at the GSA Pantry in South Silo.

The Aggie Compass is committed to continuing all basic needs services even if they are remote or accessible in different ways. [Our webpage](#) will be updated frequently with new information about where resources are available.

Fellowship

\$70K Grad Innovator Fellowship

The deadline for the exciting **\$70K Grad Innovator Fellowship is approaching on May 15!** The opportunity may appeal to senior PhD students in your program, but it is also open to postdoctoral fellows. This unique 1-year fellowship includes support for salary, tuition, research and conferences, as well as a flexible summer/fall start date with virtual options if required under the circumstances.

More information please see the attachment and apply online at:

<http://foodaghealth.solutions/innovator-fellowship/>

Workshops, Webinars, and Events

The F Award Writing Workshop

The **deadline for applications to participate in the [F Award Writing Workshop](#) has been extended to June 1.** Interested scholars may submit their applications, letters of support, and abstracts [here](#). All scholars are welcome whether they attended one of the workshop information sessions or not. Questions about [workshop content](#), [schedule](#), and instructors can be directed to Kirsten Asher at kasher@ucdavis.edu or 916-734-8854.

The F Award Writing Workshop is a hands-on workshop for pre- and postdoctoral scholars wanting to apply to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for an individual National Research Service Award (NRSA).

Why Get an F?

- Receive stipend and tuition
- Establish your credibility
- Examine what is most important about your research (and why anyone would give you money)

for it)

- Improve critical grant writing skills early on in your career
- Practice communicating about your research succinctly
- Update yourself on the literature
- Foster new collaborations

[Learn More!](#)

A Townhall on Education and Providing a Critical Hope Foundation for our Students and Communities (Attached)

As some of you may know, May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and we are in the midst of Educator Appreciation Week (May 4-8). In light of this, [The Peoples Collective for Justice & Liberation](#) is excited to announce our next in the #BuildingSolidarity series: **A Townhall on Education and Providing a Critical Hope Foundation for our Students and Communities** happening this Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 11am-1pm hst / 2pm-4pm pst / 5pm-7pm est.

Please register here: bit.ly/EducationTownhallRSVP

Hashtags: #Education4All #BuildingSolidarity

Live ASL Interpretation, Caption Services, Graphic Facilitation & Transcription will be provided.

The People's Collective will engage folks across the country and globe to be a part of a movement that addresses Anti-Asian Racism and builds cross racial solidarity with other communities of color. We organize with an intersectional, multi-generational and cross sector framework.

Sample Social Posts:

Facebook/Instagram

- Following townhalls on Anti-Asian Racism and Redefining Safety, the next in the Building Solidarity series is a townhall on Education and Providing a Critical Hope Foundation for our Students and Communities this Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 5pm EST/2pm PST/11am HST. RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/EducationTownhallRSVP> #Education4All #BuildingSolidarity
- There has been a rise in Anti-Asian Racism because of continued xenophobia from Donald Trump & other conservative political & media leaders. What's the role of education? How can we provide a Critical Hope Foundation for our Students and Communities? Join us for a townhall on Saturday, May 9. <https://bit.ly/EducationTownhallRSVP> #Education4All #BuildingSolidarity

Twitter

- Following townhalls on #AntiAsianRacism & #RedefiningSafety, @Peoples_Collect hosts the next in the #BuildingSolidarity series a townhall on providing a critical hope foundation & #Education4All this Sat. 5/9 at 5pm EST/2pm PST/11am HST. RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/EducationTownhallRSVP>
- <INSERT ORG HANDLE> is proud to co-sponsor @Peoples_Collect townhall on providing a critical hope foundation & #Education4All this Sat. 5/9 at 5pm EST/2pm PST/11am HST. RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/EducationTownhallRSVP> We will fight #AntiAsianRacism & commit to #BuildingSolidarity

Or RT

- https://twitter.com/Peoples_Collect/status/1258207258678374401?s=20
- <https://twitter.com/gregorycendana/status/1258029636518363139?s=20>
- <https://twitter.com/APALAnational/status/1257757706523418624?s=20>

Mentor Web - Building Your Mentorship Network as a First-Gen Grad

The most successful graduate students have not one, but many mentors who each provide expertise and support on a specific domain of a student's mentorship needs. In this session, Dr. Teresa Dillinger will lead participants in a workshop about the benefits of mentor networks, as well as help them create their own plan for a robust and personalized mentorship network. [REGISTER HERE](#) to participate in this workshop on **Thursday, May 14 at 12 PM**.

Policy & Popcorn: "How UC Davis is Leading on Campus Sustainability"

UC Davis is a world leader on campus sustainability. Join us for this special virtual edition of Policy & Popcorn to learn how UC Davis has achieved (and is working to maintain) this status, and to discuss the myriad of policies governing campus sustainability efforts. We encourage you to pop your own popcorn to munch on during the event!

2:30–4:00 PM

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Virtually (via Zoom)

Please RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/fU7fH5eMXEaKoHnCA>

This event will take place via Zoom. A link and dial-in information will be emailed out the morning of May 14 to all those who RSVP.

About the session

UC Davis is known for its commitment to the environment, locally and globally. University researchers are known for their expertise on everything from water security to climate change to resilient agriculture. And as one of the most sustainable universities in the world, UC Davis is also leading by example at the campus level. This special virtual edition of Policy & Popcorn will welcome Camille Kirk, UC Davis Director of Sustainability and Campus Sustainability Planner, to talk about UC Davis's sustainability accomplishments to date and how campus leadership is planning to keep pushing the envelope in coming years. The session will include a deep dive on relationships and intersections between Federal and state regulation, the "voluntary" University of California Regental sustainability policy, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and assessment tools that often push UC Davis in its voluntary policy and sustainability efforts.

About the speaker

Camille Kirk provides vision and leadership for campus sustainability efforts and galvanizes action towards key sustainability goals. At UC Davis, Camille has delivered multiple high-visibility projects and programs, including the campus' Climate Action Plan and Drought Response and Water Action Plan. She has undertaken complex performance assessment across a wide variety of sustainability metrics, which has led to numerous top rankings and ratings in sustainability for UC Davis. Camille has launched successful and award-winning communication and outreach efforts to raise visibility

and awareness of campus environmental stewardship and sustainability efforts, effect behavior change, and create pride and enthusiasm for campus sustainability achievements. Beyond campus, Camille is one of the initiators of the Yolo Resiliency Collaborative and leads system-wide University of California sustainability committees and efforts. Camille currently serves on multiple regional and national boards, steering committees, and task forces, including the Yolo County Climate Compact, the Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative Steering Committee, and the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) Steering Committee. Trained as a systems thinker, Camille holds a master's degree in Geography from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Please RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/fU7fH5eMXEaKoHnCA>

About Policy & Popcorn

The Policy & Popcorn series provides an informal setting for UC Davis students, researchers, faculty, and staff to learn more about the policy process and how to better engage. The sessions are hosted by the Policy Institute for Energy, Environment, and the Economy in close partnership with the Institute of Transportation Studies, the Energy and Efficiency Institute, and other key policy leaders around UC Davis. This series will bring you a work-like level of knowledge and experience with the accessibility of a 101-level class. There will also always be popcorn and snacks!

Ravata Solutions Moderated Q&A session (Attached)

The Internship and Career Center is hosting a Moderated Q&A session with representatives from Ravata Solutions, a local biotech start up, for UC Davis graduate students and postdocs. We think this event will especially be of interest to grad students in biomedical engineering, computer science, electrical and computer engineering, biotechnology (DEB program) and related fields of study.

Details below:

[Ravata Solutions Moderated Q&A session](#)

1:00pm-2:30pm PDT

Monday May 18, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Apply to attend here: <https://tinyurl.com/ICCRavataQandA>

Virtual Question & Answer session on Zoom with panelists from Ravata Solutions, a fertility and reproduction start up with offices in Davis and San Francisco. Ravata Solutions specializes in hardware and diagnostics, and uses automated assisted reproductive technologies (AART) to transform the IVF laboratory. Learn more at www.ravatasolutions.com

Panelists include Ravata Solutions' CEO, Head of Research, and Head of Engineering.

We would appreciate it if those interested would [apply](#) to attend by Wednesday, May 13, 2020. Applicants will be notified of acceptance and provided with the Zoom meeting link on Thursday May 14, 2020.