

Fall 2009



***Mental Toughness: Women in Engineering
A Speaker Series for Graduate Women Engineers***

***A presentation of the Graduate Women in Engineering,
the Graduate Academic Diversity Program, and COINS,
in collaboration with the Department of Mechanical
Engineering's Initiative on Equity, Diversity, and
Inclusion.***

Thriving in a Male-Dominated World: Gender and Race during the Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings

Maria Echaveste, Boalt School of Law

Tuesday, September 22, 4:30-6:30PM

310 Sutardja Dai Hall (CITRIS Auditorium)

Women in engineering will continue to find themselves in male-dominated academic and work environments. One of the challenges is how to be forceful and successful in our endeavors while integrating into a male environment. Ms. Echaveste, a lecturer at Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law, is a CNN commentator and former White House Deputy Chief of Staff under President Clinton. She will speak of her own experiences and challenges of being a lone woman in the room and her observations while serving as a regular CNN commentator during the Sotomayor hearings which focus on gender and race. A catered reception will follow the talk. Event is co-sponsored by the College of Engineering Dean's Office.

Preparing Your NSF Graduate Fellowship Application

Wednesday, September 23, 5-6:30PM

3110 Etcheverry Hall

All first-year doctoral students are encouraged to apply for this three-year prestigious fellowship. Join a panel of NSF Fellows for tips on how you can strengthen your application.

EAPSI Infosession

Wednesday, October 7, 4-5PM

3110 Etcheverry Hall

This is an information workshop about the East Asia Pacific Summer Institute (EAPSI) program, sponsored by the NSF. Find out about summer research opportunities in Japan, Singapore, China, Taiwan, Korea, New Zealand, or Australia. There will be a quick presentation followed by a Q&A panel with previous program participants.

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Applying for Academic Positions

Ting Xu, Assistant Professor of Materials Science & Engineering

Tuesday, October 13, 4:30-5:30PM

3110 Etcheverry Hall

Professor Xu will give a presentation and then lead a candid discussion on the faculty job search. She will provide a recent hire's perspective on the process of applying for an academic position and share her insight on how to put together a strong application.

Fundamentals of Networking

Andrea Sparrey, MBA and Career Coach, Sparrey Consulting

Thursday, November 5, 4:30-7:00PM

Location to be announced

An often-overlooked element of the engineering education, networking is becoming a necessary skill for all academics and professionals to ensure access to the best job opportunities and funding. Ms. Sparrey will focus on the fundamentals of networking and introduce methods for initiating conversation, communicating your message, and building and maintaining your network. A wine and cheese social with Berkeley Engineering alumni will follow the workshop- this is a great opportunity to put your new networking skills to work!

Mentor or Advisor—Is There a Difference?

Amy Herr, Assistant Professor of Bioengineering

Andrew Szeri, Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Dean of the Graduate Division

Thursday, November 12, 5-6PM

3110 Etcheverry Hall

As a graduate student you will face a variety of new challenges, from finding a research advisor, getting funded, future career planning, to course selection. You will need advice from those who have gone ahead of you. Faculty members are the most likely candidates for your new mentors or advisors. Come learn how to choose an appropriate mentor or advisor, and ensure that you know the difference.

The Nuts and Bolts of Changing Lab Advisors

Steve Conolly, Associate Professor of Bioengineering

Postponed- new date to be announced

For some graduate students, one of the most difficult decisions to make is whether or not to change labs. Professor Conolly will discuss how to make that decision, address common fears, and provide tips for making the transition go smoothly.

How to Get a Post-doc Position

Date and location to be announced

For many graduate students, the next step in an academic career is a post-doc. A panel of current post-docs and National Laboratory representatives will provide their insights into finding and securing the right position and applying for funding. This workshop is targeted towards advanced engineering graduate students.

Other upcoming events:

Leadership Skills

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