FACULTY MENTOR/ADVISORS ON BOOK WRITING & PUBLISHING 2015-2016

As part of Berkeley’s mentoring efforts, the following faculty have agreed to serve as campuswide mentor/advisors on writing and publishing books. Please feel free to contact any of these individuals for confidential consultation and support on topics such as: how to choose a book topic, strategic decision-making for merit or promotion, remaining engaged in the writing process, choosing publishers and addressing feedback from editors and manuscript reviewers, negotiating with publishers, marketing your book, and more. Mentor/advisors will be available through the end of the 2015-16 academic year. Please note that, while team members will not be available to edit manuscripts, their mentoring will include recommendations, advice, and problem-solving based on successful track records of writing and publishing. For more information, please see the Equity & Inclusion website at diversity.berkeley.edu.

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