FACULTY MENTORING TEAM ON PUBLISHING JOURNAL ARTICLES
2014-2015

As part of Berkeley's mentoring efforts, teams of senior faculty are available to provide campuswide advice and support on a range of topics related to success in the academy.

The following faculty have agreed to serve as mentor/advisors on writing and publishing articles in peer-reviewed journals. Please feel free to contact any of these individuals for confidential consultation and support on topics such as:

- authorship and co-authorship
- choosing a journal
- strategic decision-making for merit or promotion
- deciding how and whether to divide topics into multiple articles
- what to do with rejected articles
- dealing with “revise and resubmit” requests
- open access journals
- balancing writing with other professional priorities
- and other topics related to journal article publishing

Mentor/advisors will be available throughout the 2014-15 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 publishing peer reviewed journal articles.

Gibor Basri is a Professor of Astronomy and currently serves as Berkeley's Vice Chancellor for Equity & Inclusion. He was an early pioneer and expert in the study of brown dwarfs, as well as star formation and stellar activity. In 1997 Basri was awarded a Miller Research Professorship and became a Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer in 2000. In December 2001, he was a Co-Investigator on a successful proposal to NASA for the Kepler mission, which is searching for earth-sized planets around other stars. In 2011 he became a Fellow with the California Academy of Sciences.

Basri has substantial mentoring experience and has refereed many journal articles and papers. He has also long been involved in science education, and encouraging the participation of minorities in science. His efforts in this, and on behalf of increasing diversity at the University, were recognized by the Chancellor’s Award for Advancing Institutional Excellence in 2006.

In 2007, Basri was selected by Chancellor Birgeneau after a national search as the founding Vice Chancellor for Equity and Inclusion at the University of California, Berkeley. In this role, he is directly responsible for a portfolio of existing programs and services to: strengthen academic preparation and academic achievement; provide a diverse campus community with a sense of success and belonging; offer staff members improved career advancement opportunities; and establish hiring and recruitment efforts that tap further into the available talent pool of candidates. Along with these responsibilities, Basri also leads fund-raising efforts that produce substantial additional funding to new initiatives.

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Lisa García Bedolla is Professor of Social and Cultural Studies in the Graduate School of Education and Chair of Berkeley’s Center for Latino Policy Research. She is author of three award-winning books, including Mobilizing Inclusion: Transforming the Electorate through Get-Out-the-Vote Campaigns (with Melissa R. Michelson, New Haven: Yale University Press, 2012) winner of the American Political Science Association’s (APSA) Ralph Bunche Award and a best book award from APSA’s Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section. Professor García Bedolla is currently co-editor of the journal Politics, Groups, and Identities. She has served on the UC Press editorial committee and on the boards of numerous journals, including the American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Latino Studies, Political Research Quarterly, and Aztlan. Her research focuses on how marginalization and inequality structure the political and educational opportunities available to members of ethnoracial groups, with a particular emphasis on the intersections of race, class, and gender.

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Michael Eisen is a Professor of Genetics, Genomics and Development in the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology. His lab uses a combination of experimental and computational methods to explore how animal genomes choreograph development. He has an undergraduate degree in math and a Ph.D. in biophysics from Harvard. He has been advocating for changes in science publishing throughout his career, and in 2001 was one of the founders of the Public Library of Science (PLOS), a SF-based publisher of open access journals whose portfolio includes PLOS ONE, now the largest biomedical research journal in the world.

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Hilary Hoynes is a Professor of Public Policy and Economics and holds the Haas Distinguished Chair in Economic Disparities. She has been on the Advisory Committee for the National Science Foundation, Directorate for the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences and the National Advisory Committee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Program. Hoynes is an economist and specializes in the study of poverty, inequality, and the impacts of government tax and transfer programs on low income families. Current projects include evaluating the extent to which the safety net insured income losses in the Great Recession, examining the impact of Head Start on cognitive and non-cognitive outcomes, and estimating impacts of U.S. food and nutrition programs on health and labor economic outcomes.

Hoynes has more than six years as an Editor of major academic journals. Since 2011, she has been the co-editor of the leading journal in economics, the American Economic Review. Prior to that she was co-editor of the American Economic Journal: Economic Policy. Hoynes has been involved in mentoring in several capacities. She has been training and mentoring graduate students for two decades and has also been involved in structured and unstructured mentoring activities through the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economic Association.

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Line Mikkelsen is an Associate Professor of Linguistics. (Ph.D., Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2004). Her research interests are the syntax, semantics, and morphology of natural language, and the relations among these. She works on Germanic languages and on Karuk, an indigenous language of northern California. She has published on grammatical topics like noun incorporation, definiteness marking, expletive constructions, relative clauses, copular constructions, and on the relationship between word order and communicative intent. She is co-PI on an NSF-sponsored project to build a large syntactically annotated corpus of the Karuk language, which will serve as a tool for academic research as well as community language revitalization efforts. Mikkelsen has a long-standing interest in philosophy of language and is affiliated with the department of philosophy. She serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics.

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Kurt C. Organista is Professor in the School of Social Welfare. He publishes articles on Latino health and mental health, conducts research in the area of HIV prevention with Latino migrant laborers, and is editor of HIV Prevention with Latinos: Theory, research and practice published in 2012 by Oxford University Press, and author of Solving Latino psychosocial and health problems: Theory, practice, and populations published in 2007 by John Wiley & Sons, Inc. He serves on the senior editorial board of the American Journal of Community Psychology, and on the editorial boards of the Hispanic Journal of the Behavioral Sciences, and the Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work. From 2004-08 Organista was appointed to the Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council at the National Institutes of Health, and he is currently PI of a federal R01 grant from the NIAAA to develop and test a structural environmental model of alcohol-related HIV risk in Latino migrant day laborers in the San Francisco Bay Area (2010-2014). Organista is Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Foundation. He currently serves as Berkeley's Special Assistant for Faculty Mentoring.

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Samuel Otter has taught in the English Department at the University of California at Berkeley since 1990. His research and teaching focus on nineteenth-century United States literatures. He is particularly interested in the works of Herman Melville, the relationships between literature and history, the varieties of literary excess, and the ways in which close reading also can be deep and wide. He has published Melville's Anatomies (1999), in which he analyzes Melville's concern with how meanings, particularly racial meanings, have been invested in and abstracted from human bodies. In his recent book, Philadelphia Stories: America’s Literature of Race and Freedom (2010), he examines the narratives about race, character, manners, violence, and freedom that unfold across a range of texts written in and about Philadelphia between 1790 and 1860. He has co-edited Melville and Aesthetics (2011) and Herman Melville and Frederick Douglass: Essays in Relation (2008). He is the editor of Leviathan: A Journal of Melville Studies and currently serves on or has served in the past on the editorial boards of American Literature; ESQ: A Journal of the American Renaissance; Nineteenth-Century Literature; and Representations.

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Sheldon Zedeck is Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Professor of the Graduate School, in the Department of Psychology; he also served as Berkeley’s Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Faculty Welfare (2007-10).


Zedeck has served on the editorial boards of Journal of Applied Psychology (editor, 2002-2008), Contemporary Psychology, and Industrial Relations. He has also served as Editor and Associate Editor of Human Performance, a journal that he and Frank Landy founded in 1988, as well as Associate Editor of Applied Psychology: An International Review. He is the editor-in-chief for the 3-volume American Psychological Association (APA) Handbook of Industrial and Organizational Psychology (2010), as well as chief-editor for the APA Dictionary of Statistics and Research Methods (2014).

Zedeck conducts research on testing and assessment related to employment discrimination and adverse impact of selection/promotion procedures.

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