**Mentorship: Its Role and Importance for Latinas in STEM**

**Presenters:**

- **Dr. Yvette Flores**  
  Professor, Chicana/o Studies  
  - Presentation of the importance of mentorship within and outside the academic context for the development of a scientist identity and academic success.

- **Alicia Garcia**  
  Ph.D. Student, UC Davis School of Education  
  - The study examined the experiences of Latinas in a public research university who were dismissed and later returned to continue their studies. The presentation will focus on one of the findings; academic advising and their transition from STEM to Social Science and Humanities majors.

- **Dr. Lisceth Brazil-Cruz**  
  Postdoctoral Scholar, UC Davis ADVANCE  
  - Presentation regarding the development of scientist identity and how it encompasses mentoring students to reach their full potential both personally and academically.

**Audience:** Faculty Members, Postdoctoral Scholars, Graduate Students

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**Institutionalizing Inclusion: Policies and Practices that Sustain and Enable Inclusive Climates**

The policy and practices initiative has been reviewing polices as well as practices related to faculty recruitment, advancement and retention with the goal of breaking down barriers to inclusion in the faculty ranks. Some suggested changes have already been implemented and others will be presented in our final report to the campus. Come to the cafecito to discuss the draft of the findings and recommendations of this final report.

**Presenters:**

- **Dr. Bisson** is a Professor and Geneticist in the Agricultural Experiment Station in the Department of Viticulture and Enology in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. She co-chairs the Policy and Practices Committee of the ADVANCE program on the Davis campus. She served for several years on the CAP Oversight and Appellate Committees, chairing both. Dr. Bisson has served a total of three years as the Chair of the Academic Senate of the Davis Division of the University of California. She has served as PhD dissertation advisor for 21 students, 60 Master’s students, and has had over 60 undergraduate researchers in her lab. Dr. Bisson’s main area of research is the investigation of utilization of carbon and energy sources in yeast, with a specific focus on how eukaryotic cells detect energy sources in their environment and prioritize use when presented with a mixture of substrates.

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The Capital Resource Network is a program created at UC Davis that serves as a collaborative regional resource to recruit and retain highly competitive, educated, skilled and diverse talent, both academic and staff appointees. The fee-for-service program uses a proactive and intentional approach to welcome, introduce, and integrate top talent and their families to the region. Seeking to attract and retain the best and the brightest, the program’s dual career support efforts strategically recognize the importance of employment opportunities for the accompanying spouse or partner, who is critical to the decision-making process.

**Presenters:**

**Binnie Singh,** is Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. In this role, she serves as the primary liaison between Academic Affairs and other units and organizations, both campus and systemwide, and assists the Vice Provost – Academic Affairs in strategic planning, implementation and innovation for all matters affecting academic personnel at UC Davis. Prior to this role, she served for over 10 years as the Director of Faculty Relations and Development in Academic Affairs consulting with campus leaders on resolving conflicts that involve academic employees, mediates and settles formal complaints and grievances, coordinates and delivers development/training programs for faculty, especially department chairs and new faculty, manages faculty medical leaves and issues related to accommodations, and administers the Work Life Program for academics. She has over 20 years of experience in a large breadth of human resources areas, including organizational development, equal employment opportunity, recruitment and retention, personnel selection, labor relations and training/development. Binnie holds a bachelor’s of science in psychology from UC Davis, and a master’s in organizational psychology from Alliant University.

**Linda Assadian,** is Director of the Capital Resource Network. As the managing director of the Capital Resource Network, Linda Assadian helps to welcome newly relocated professionals and their families to the Capital Region. After 17 years of living in four different countries, raising two children and supporting the career advancement of her engineer husband of 22 years, Linda understands the unique tests and blessings that can accompany relocation. Her personal insight brings invaluable perspective to her role as she assists the entire family acclimate to their new community, from social, dual career, cultural, and linguistic challenges. Linda knows that finding the right network of resources can be an invaluable lifeline and understands that the right start can have a huge positive impact on the overall relocation experience. Prior to becoming director of the Capital Resource Network, Linda lived her years abroad in France, Germany and lastly England where she served as the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust as a Trade Marketing Officer responsible for growing trade partners within the hospitality sector. Linda began her career at Pacific Gas and Electric Company and served in several roles including marketing, business services and regional government relations. A Registered Nurse with the State of California, Linda also earned an MBA from California State University, Sacramento. While in the UK, she served as a Trustee of the Stratford-upon-Avon Food Bank.

**Audience:** Faculty Members, Postdoctoral Scholars, Graduate Students, Staff

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For additional information please contact Capital Resource Network Director Linda Assadian at (530) 574-8480 or llassadian@ucdavis.edu.
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Registration is suggested.
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Improving Equity, Diversity, and Workplace Climate Among Faculty at UC Davis

TBD 2017

This presentation will provide an overview of the two main activities of the Inclusive Campus Climate Initiative of the Advance Program: The STEAD workshops for members of faculty recruitment committees and the COACHE faculty job satisfaction survey. These activities aim to increase equity and diversity in faculty recruitment and to assess (and thereby help to improve) faculty members' satisfaction with the many aspects of their work at UC Davis. The goals, approach, and outcomes of each effort will be presented and offered for discussion.

- Presenter:

  Kimberlee Shauman, Ph.D., is a Professor of Sociology. Her main areas of interest are social stratification, family and kinship, demography, sociology of education, and quantitative methodology. Her research focuses on gender differences in educational and occupational trajectories with particular attention to the causal effects of family characteristics. Her book, Women in Science: Career Processes and Outcomes (co-authored with Yu Xie), examines the underrepresentation of women in science from a life course perspective. In addition to on-going studies of gender differences in the attainment of STEM degrees, she has studied the career causes and consequences of family migration among dual-earner couples, field-specific gender differences in the utilization of educational credentials, the influence of anti-discrimination laws on gender inequality in the labor market, and the demographic consequences of persistent racial differences in mortality.

- Audience: Faculty Members, Postdoctoral Scholars, Graduate Students, Staff

- Registration link forthcoming