About me
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Aim
Create a platform for graduate students and postdoctoral researchers to meet and discuss with successful female faculty in STEM fields about issues concerning careers in the academia for women and underrepresented groups

Topics
• Work-life balance
• Mentorship
• Mental health
• Diversity and inclusion
• Overcoming difficult situations
• Alternative career options in the academia
• Transitioning from academia to industry

Event details
• At Multipurpose room of the Student Community Center (10 am to 1 pm)
• 7 invited speakers
• 115 registered
• 59 attended
   25 graduate students
   5 undergraduate students
   5 visiting scholars
   10 postdoctoral scholars
   14 others
• 21 Graduate groups or departments
• Raised $2,000
• Breakfast, coffee, and lunch catered by Olive & Vine

Sponsored by

Participants Graduate Group or Department

Invited speakers

Joanna Chiu
Associate Professor and Vice Chair in the Department of Entomology and Nematology. Dr. Chiu co-founded and co-directs the campus wide Research Scholars Program in Insect Biology.

Pamela Ronald
Distinguished Professor in the Department of Plant Pathology and the Genome Center and Director of the UC Davis Institute for Food and Agricultural Literacy. Dr. Ronald also serves as a Key Scientist at the Joint BioEnergy Institute in Emeryville, California.

Peggy G. Lemaux
Cooperative Extension Specialist in the Department of Plant and Microbial Biology at UC Berkeley and faculty lead for UC Berkeley’s CLEAR (Communication, Literacy, and Education for Agricultural Research) project.

Tracy Richmond McKnight
Director of the Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program at the University of California. Dr. McKnight served 15 years as faculty at University of California, San Francisco leading a program in neuroimaging of brain cancer.

Feedback
What did you most value o was useful?
• Variety of speaker stories (own experiences and research) and their advice
• To hear about don’t giving up and building networks

What would have made it better?
• Better timing of presentations
• Panel discussion format
• Speakers from different STEM fields, other professions (science communication, policy, teaching, outreach, industry)

What other topics would you like have seen discussed?
• How to apply to postdoc positions and opportunities on campus
• Experiences as foreigners and issues with language and ethnicity