Biographies of Guest Speakers

JAMES BOND
James Bond is Coordinator of the Student Veteran Resource Center at UC San Diego and is a board member of two non-profit organizations serving the military community of San Diego.

Bond oversees the Student Veteran Resource Center, which supports military-affiliated students at UC San Diego by serving as their primary advocate. As a board member of the San Diego Coalition and Veterans Association of North County, he is personally connected to over 200 military service organizations in the San Diego area and uses these connections to enrich the UC San Diego environment for military-affiliated students.

As a US Army non-commissioned officer, Bond served in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Suwon, Korea; Ft. Stewart, GA; and Ft. Bliss, TX. He took the college credits he earned while serving to the California community college system and went on to earn a M.A. in Education specializing in multi-cultural counseling. While pursuing his education, Bond began a second career in higher education student affairs, specializing in assisting military-affiliated students. This career has called him to initiate programs and centers in community college, non-profit, for-profit and Research I settings.

James Bond is also a mentor in the California Legal Task Force Battle Buddies program.

CHRYSSA JONES
Chryssa Jones is the Veterans Services Coordinator at the University of California, Riverside, coordinates initiatives and resources to support the academic success of student veterans, service members, and military family members.

Jones holds a Master of Business Administration degree, with honors, from Hawaii Pacific University, and her professional background includes experience in small-business management, consulting, lecturing, and program development. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Veterans Program Administrators (NAVPA).
RON WILLIAMS
Ron Williams serves as Director of Re-entry Student and Veteran Services on the UC Berkeley campus, and has spent the last 14 years developing programs that expand access and promote equity and engagement for nontraditional students.

In late 2007, beyond his work with undergraduate re-entry students (those 25 years of age and older), Williams took on the additional role of serving as the UC Berkeley campus representative for the Troops to College and California Veterans Education Opportunities Partnership within the California higher education system. In that role he developed Cal Veteran Services and in the spring of 2008 this team was recognized with the Chancellor’s Outstanding Staff Team Award. Building on that success and opening this month, the Cal Veteran Services Center offers approximately 1000 square feet of program and veteran organization space to better support and engage this growing community. Because of his work and advocacy of student veterans, Williams has made media appearances on CNN, NPR, and other media outlets.

Williams graduated from La Sierra University with an MA in English and American literature and an undergraduate degree in communication. After completing his studies there, he served as associate director of the learning support and testing center and as an adjunct professor of English and communication before relocating to Berkeley.

PATRICK CAMPBELL
Sgt. Patrick Campbell is a Veterans Advocate, and currently serves as a Policy Analyst at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. In his role, he works on consumer analysis and advisories helping students understand their financial options when it comes to managing their benefits, scholarships and student loans.

Previously, Campbell was the Chief Legislative Counsel for Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) and was a chief contributor to the drafting of the new GI Bill.

Campbell was also a combat medic serving with the DC National Guard. He served in Iraq with the 256th Infantry Brigade regularly patrolling Baghdad. He was awarded the Combat Medical Badge and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Campbell was labeled as a prominent blogger by MSNBC and made many media appearances on ABC, CNN, Fox, MSNBC and NPR. He has also testified before the Senate and House Veterans Affairs Committees on mental health, education benefits and appropriation issues.

Campbell graduated from Catholic University Law School and is a member of the California State Bar. He has worked for Vice President Al Gore and Senators Feinstein, Leahy, Carnahan and Boxer. Campbell received majored in Political Science at UC Berkeley where he served as the Student Body President.