

**2021 UC-Coro**  
**Systemwide Leadership Collaborative**  
**Participant Biographies**

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### **AKI FUJII**

**Associate Dean and Chief Financial Officer  
Anderson School of Management**

**UC Los Angeles**

**Southern California Cohort**

Aki is the Associate Dean and Chief Financial Officer for the UCLA Anderson School of Management. As a key member of Anderson's senior leadership team, Aki's focus is on the financial strategy of the School, especially as it supports the strategic plan of innovation, research, growth, and diversity.

Aki negotiates for the School and has championed Anderson's mission in several campus-wide initiatives. Aki advocates for Anderson's employees, and prioritizes the growth, development, and retention of the top talent at Anderson. Prior to joining Anderson, Aki was the controller for the Thirty Meter Telescope Project, overseeing a \$1.5 billion consortium project, with members including California Institute of Technology and University of California. Her experience also includes working at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and American Honda Motor Co, Inc. She started her career at KPMG, and is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in California. Born in Japan, Aki is a proud USC alumna and enjoys home improvement projects, reading and baking. In her spare time, Aki provides financial education for women who grew up in foster care, have been homeless or incarcerated, or escaped domestic violence or trafficking.

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### **ALECE ALDERSON**

#### **Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Life UC San Francisco Northern California Cohort**

Alece Alderson is the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Life at UC San Francisco (UCSF). Alece provides a vital, creative, and adaptable vision and leadership for Student Life in support of the development, assessment and improvement of student services that aims to create transformative student experiences.

Within her role, Alece oversees First Generation Support Services, Student Involvement and Government, Student Veteran and Military Support Services, Student Rights and Responsibilities, Restorative Justice Programs, Student Disability Services, and Basic Needs. She is passionate about building support services and is dedicated to fostering collaborations with faculty and staff to best support the First Gen community. Prior to joining UCSF, Alece worked at Virginia Tech in Housing and Residence Life and the Corps of Cadets. Alece graduated from Chapman University with a BA in Public Relations and Advertising and holds a MA in Higher Education and Student Affairs from the University of San Francisco.

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### **ALEX BELISARIO**

**Executive Director, College Student Life  
UC Santa Cruz**

### **Northern California Cohort**

Alex Belisario (she/her) is the Executive Director, College Student Life at UC Santa Cruz. In this role, Alex works closely with staff in housing, residential life, college programs, and conduct to provide a supportive and dynamic environment for students throughout their college experience. She also partners with academic staff at the colleges, including Provosts and Academic Advisers to care for the whole student.

Alex is an alumna of UC San Diego where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied Mathematics, and she earned a Master of Arts degree in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University. Outside the UC, Alex is very involved in WACUHO (Western Association of College and University Housing Officers), works with a group of higher ed professionals in geekEd to present on geek culture, and fosters kittens for local county animal shelters.

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### **AMY ENGEL**

**Senior Director of Project Management,  
Capital Program Management**

**UC San Diego**

**Southern California Cohort**

Amy Engel, Senior Director of Project Management at UC San Diego Capital Program Management, relocated from Seattle in 2018 to take on a similar role to one she held for 17 years at the University of Washington. She started her career in construction in 1984 after graduating from Iowa State University, working for a nationally known construction company.

At UC San Diego, she is the Senior Director utilizing the first Progressive Design Build contracting method for the \$565M Theatre District Living and Learning Neighborhood project. She is also leading the development of the first project expanding the campus to downtown, to name a few of her current projects.



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### **ANDREW CLARK**

#### **Executive Director, Strategic Procurement UC San Francisco Northern California Cohort**

Andrew Clark is the Executive Director for Strategic Procurement at the University of California, San Francisco. As a procurement leader, Andrew oversees a procurement operation that includes Strategic Sourcing, Procurement, and Contracting for over \$600M per year in goods and services.

Andrew has a Bachelors of Arts degree from UC Santa Barbara and a Masters of Science in Business Administration from San Francisco State University, along with 18 years of UC experience including positions at UC Office of the President in HR/Benefits.

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### **ANITA OBERBAUER**

**Professor and Associate Dean, College of  
Agricultural and Environmental Services  
UC Davis**

### **Northern California Cohort**

Dr. Anita Oberbauer is a Professor of Animal Science and the Associate Dean in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at University of California, Davis. Previously she chaired the Department of Animal Science for 8 years. She was at the forefront of incorporating companion animals into animal science curricula and has received Distinguished Teaching awards from the UC Davis Senate and the American Society of Animal Science Western Section, as well as Outstanding Mentor Awards. She was recently awarded the prestigious UC Davis Prize for Teaching and Scholarly Achievements. Her research program emphasizes cellular components regulating skeletal growth and body composition, and the genetic basis for health disorders in dogs and cattle.

She has trained more than 30 PhD, MS and Visiting Scholars. Her research was recognized with the American Society of Animal Science Corbin Award in Companion Animal Biology and the 2019 AKC Canine Health Foundation Asa Mays, DVM Award Recipient for Excellence in Canine Health Research. She is a director on the board of the OFA, provides numerous invited talks on genetics, and serves on federal grant review panels and journal editorial boards. She received her BS summa cum laude from UC Davis and her Ph.D. in Animal Physiology with minors in Pathology and Statistics from Cornell University followed by postdoctoral fellowships at Loma Linda University in perinatal biology and UCLA in biological chemistry.

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### **ANTONETTE TONEY**

**Executive Director, UCR-PATH Campus Support Center**

**UC Riverside**

**Southern California Cohort**

Antonette Toney Executive Director, UCR\_PATH Campus Support Center (CSC) Antonette Toney currently serves as the Executive Director of the UCR\_PATH Campus Support Center (CSC). The CSC provides cross functional UCPATH support to the UCR campus seven shared service centers, central offices and campus employees. As the

CSC Executive Director, Antonette provides strategic direction for UCR UCPATH operations and on-going campus support working in collaboration and alongside campus central functional areas (AP, BFS, FPA, HR, and ITS) to resolve UCPATH issues and provide campus input on UCPATH initiatives.

Antonette has worked for UC for over 27 years across two campuses. She received her BS Degree in Computer Science from California State University, Northridge and started her career on the IT side managing student computer labs, administering network servers and developing applications. She achieved Microsoft Certified Trainer distinction and served as an adjunct faculty member at South Coast Community College teaching Microsoft SQL Server.

Before her appointment as the CSC Executive Director, Antonette served 5 years in Affirmative Action as a principle data analyst and 11 years in Academic Personnel as the Technology, Compensation and Data Manager. Antonette has plans to pursue her MS Degree in Project Leadership and Management. In her spare time, she enjoys Bikram yoga, beach camping, plant based cooking and art journaling. Post career, Antonette plans to pursue credentials as a yoga therapist to assist persons with chronic illnesses manage their symptoms and improve their quality of life. Three words that describe Antonette are authentic, enthusiastic and encouraging.



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### **BETH CLAASSEN-THRUSH**

**Project Policy Analyst, Office of the  
Chancellor**

**UC Riverside**

**Southern California Cohort**

Elizabeth (Beth) Claassen Thrush, PhD, works at UC Riverside as a Project Policy Analyst in the Chancellor's Office, as well as teaching on an adjunct basis in the Graduate School of Education. She received a BA in Sociology from Messiah University and an MA in Education from Loyola Marymount University. Her career path prior to UC included working as a special education teacher, a coordinator of educational exchanges in Central America, and a bilingual school-community liaison.

In 2019, she earned her Ph.D. in Education from Claremont Graduate University, and her research interests include the intersections of religion and education, comparative and international education, and school-community partnerships. Her current work in the Office of the Chancellor and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion includes coordinating special projects and staffing campus-wide task forces.

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### **BETHANIE BROWN**

**Interim Executive Director, Human Resources**

**UC ANR**

**Southern California Cohort**

Bethanie has taken on the Interim Executive Director, Human Resources role for the University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) in March 2021, after serving as the Director, Human Resources since February 2020. She has spent 17 years working for the University of California system in a variety of staff and academic HR roles. She has worked over a decade at UC ANR in central human resources.

Bethanie focuses her efforts on removing barriers to success, leading strong diverse teams, implementing strategic HR projects and communicating and managing change. Before joining the University of California system, Bethanie began her career in human resources at the California's Employment Development Department in 1997 where she specialized in assisting displaced workers find new careers. This work transformed her view of how human resources could act as a partner and resource to employees within an organization undergoing significant change.

She earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – Human Resources and a Master's in Education – Distance Learning. Bethanie has maintained a long-term, consistent focus on improving the work-lives of UC ANR employees and will continue to do so in the future.

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### **BHANU POLAKAM**

#### **Director, HR and Payroll Applications UC Office of the President Northern California Cohort**

Bhanu Polakam is the IT Director for HR and Payroll Applications (UCPATH) at UCOP. In this role, he is responsible for leading technology solutions for UCPATH. He played a crucial role in getting all UC locations transition from legacy PPS system to UCPATH. In addition to that, he collaborated with UC Locations and ensured they could transition successfully to Reporting Instance which provided modern

access to UC HR and Payroll data.

Previous to this role, he was IT responsible leader for managing UC Retirement system, Endowment Investment and moving critical corporate applications to cloud. Before becoming a part of UC Community, Bhanu worked as head of Business Systems and Data Analytics for a major bank in the central coast, managed technology transfers on acquisitions, was lead contributor to a technology startup, managed IT Systems for large organizations both within and outside of United States. Bhanu holds a BS in Computer Engineering and is a proud alumni of UC IT Leadership Academy (Cohort 3). Outside of work when free, he dabbles with cooking various cuisines and playing table tennis with his acquaintances.

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### **CAMILLE KIRK**

**Director of Sustainability and Campus  
Sustainability Planner**

**UC Davis**

**Northern California Cohort**

Camille Kirk leads the UC Davis Sustainability program, and maintains the campus Climate Action Plan and Drought Response and Water Action Plan, among other planning initiatives that provide vision, direction and support for sustainability efforts across UC Davis.

Beyond the campus, Camille works on regional water supply and management efforts, as well as resiliency and adaptation planning. She serves on a number of regional and national boards, steering committees, and task forces, including the Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency, the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency, the Yolo County Climate Compact, the Capital Regional Climate Readiness Collaborative Steering Committee, the University of California Carbon Offset Project and Carbon Abatement Technical Committee, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Sustainability Tracking Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) Steering Committee, The Climate Registry's Net Zero Advisory Committee, and the Universitas 21 Sustainability Community of Practice. Camille holds an MA in Geography from UCLA, and a BA in Geography from University of Texas at Austin.

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### **CAROLINE WILLIAMS**

**Associate Professor, Integrated Biology  
UC Berkeley**

### **Northern California Cohort**

Caroline Williams is an Associate Professor of Integrative Biology at University of California, Berkeley. She leads an Ecological and Evolutionary Physiology lab, with a research focus on responses to animals to environmental change, particularly winter climate change.



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### **CHRISTOPHER RAMIREZ**

**Non-Senate Faculty, School of Sciences,  
Humanities, and Arts**

**UC Merced**

**Northern California Cohort**

Christopher Ramirez has worked at the University of California, Merced, since January of 2008 and is a Faculty Member of the Merritt Writing Program. Ramirez is the Founding Chair of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, where he collaborated with colleagues to develop and administer the first Climate Survey for the program in November 2018. Since 2012, he's served on the Chancellor's Advisory Council on Campus Climate, Culture, and Inclusion (CCCI). He holds the position of Faculty Co-Chair, where he has been instrumental in helping to write the charter, updating the campus's Principles of Community, and focusing on Non-Senate Faculty issues around inclusion and diversity.

Christopher also played an instrumental role in the formation of a Non-Senate Academics Council. He is the recipient of the Academic Senate Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award for Non-Senate Lecturers (2015) and the Non-Senate Academics Council (NSAC) Award for Distinguished Service (2020). Ramirez served on Building Healthy Communities as the South Merced Resident Representative and a court-appointed special advocate (CASA) for local foster youth. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Film and Video and a Master of Fine Arts from UC Santa Cruz. Christopher's journey has taught him that it isn't where you start but where you finish that defines you.

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### **CRUZ GRIMALDO**

**Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs  
and Director, Financial Aid and Scholarships  
and Cal Student Central**

**UC Berkeley**

**Northern California Cohort**

Cruz helps make dreams come true in her role as Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships and Cal Student Central at UC Berkeley, where she leads a team of 60+ professionals and numerous students. Cruz is responsible for awarding over \$725 million to over 25,000 students and operationalizing care via navigation of financial processes and holistic advising to the student community at Berkeley.

Cruz also co-chairs the campus-wide Chicanx/Latinx standing committee, charged with advising the Chancellor's Cabinet on strategies for improving campus equity, inclusion, and belonging for Chicanx/Latinx identifying faculty, staff, and students. Originally hailing from Huntington Park, CA, Cruz has spent the last 20+ years of her career advocating for students and working to keep Berkeley as accessible and affordable as possible for all students. Cruz was the grateful recipient of financial aid as a low-income first-generation college student and truly treasures her Berkeley education..

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### **CYNTHIA CLARK**

**Director, Clean Power Program**

**UC Office of the President**

**Southern California Cohort**

Cynthia Clark serves as the Clean Power Program Director within Capital Programs, Energy & Sustainability. UC's Clean Power Program (CPP) plays an important role in reaching system-wide carbon neutrality by 2025, by managing a portfolio of renewable and carbon-free electricity on behalf of participating campuses. The CPP currently supplies power to all or a portion of eight campuses and three medical centers, and takes in approximately \$25 million in annual recharge revenue.

Cynthia was previously selected for and participated in the UCOP Mentorship program and the PACSW-sponsored Women & Leadership program. She led implementation of UC's system-wide membership in the EPA Green Power Partnership, where UC has been recognized with multiple Green Power Leadership awards and is #1 among colleges & universities for annual green power usage. She's held previous positions at Pacific Gas & Electric, an early-stage solar company, and an environmental consulting firm focused on soil and groundwater remediation.

Cynthia holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Princeton University and is a Certified Energy Manager. Her creative outlet is working with metal and stones to create unique jewelry pieces, which may be found at the UCOP annual holiday craft fair.

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### **D'ANNE DUNCAN**

**Assistant Dean, Diversity and Learner  
Success - Graduate Division**

**UC San Francisco**

**Northern California Cohort**

D'Anne Duncan is the current assistant dean for diversity and learner success in the Graduate Division at University of California, San Francisco and is an assistant adjunct professor in the Department of Social Behavioral Sciences. In her role, D'Anne is responsible for developing, evaluating, overseeing, and implementing efforts to increase the diversity of the student body and to improve the climate, inclusivity, mental health and well-being of UCSF's graduate programs (~30 PhD and master's programs).

Prior to her role at UCSF, D'Anne worked at Vanderbilt University, where she oversaw National Institutes of Health's Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training Consortium, which is focused on career and professional development training programs for biomedical graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Dr. Duncan earned her Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Northwestern University and her BA in biology from Lake Forest College.



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### **DAVID KARWASKI**

#### **Director Mobility Planning and Traffic Systems**

#### **UC Los Angeles**

#### **Southern California Cohort**

David Karwaski is the Director for Mobility Planning & Traffic Systems at UCLA Transportation. He bridges the gap between traffic engineering and the politics of transportation by bringing 28 years of transportation planning experience to bear upon UCLA's multimodal transportation programs and policies.

Dave holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Penn State University, bringing an analytical perspective to the table, along with political acumen that has enabled him to move projects to fruition. Dave authored UCLA's Sustainable Transportation Plan, built its Air Travel Mitigation Fund program, manages its traffic system, bicycle program, contracts with numerous transit agencies, and directs the incubation of new program efforts.



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### **DON WOODSON**

**Director, Center for Science Education and Outreach, Office of Diversity and Outreach  
UC San Francisco**

### **Northern California Cohort**

Don is the Director of the Center for Science, Education and Outreach within the Office of Diversity and Outreach at UC San Francisco.

Don has a broad background in student engagement, recruitment, outreach and is a staunch supporter of equity in higher education and health. Over the past 25 years, he has created, implemented and directed various programs that expand STEM pathway access and success for underserved students and families.

These programs have included: Graduate and high school Summer research training programs, middle and high school STEM curriculum support, as well as higher education advising and academic enrichment. The programs have spanned the K-20 educational continuum with the intent of increasing the number of underrepresented students interested and entering STEM careers. Coordinating and directing programs from kindergarten to graduate has given Don a unique perspective that has allowed him to examine the various educational and health career pathways, as well as design and support programs that strategically provide students and their families with tools to succeed.

Don earned a master's degree in education from San Francisco State and a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Iowa State University.

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### **DOROTHY SATOMI**

**Director, Finance and Administration  
Academic Affairs**

**UC Santa Barbara**

**Southern California Cohort**

Dorothy Satomi is the Director of Finance & Administration for Academic Affairs in the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor where she serves as an executive advisor to the EVC managing fiscal resources and administrative activities for the Division of Academic Affairs, including

the management of staff personnel programs, faculty FTE inventory, academic administrator appointments, and the provisional budget. She has been a staff member at UC Santa Barbara since 2005, having previously served as an Assistant Dean for both the Division of Mathematical, Life, & Physical Sciences in the College of Letters & Science and the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education.

Dorothy received her Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Psychology from UC Santa Barbara and a Master of Arts in Organizational Management from Antioch University.

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### **DULCE DORADO**

**Director, International Students and  
Programs Office**

**UC San Diego**

**Southern California Cohort**

Dulce Amor L. Dorado is the Director of the International Students and Programs Office at the University of California San Diego. Her 20+ year career in international education has included a variety of responsibilities such as leading a comprehensive international student service office; advising international students in English language programs; advising study abroad students pursuing year-long, semester, or faculty-led programs; teaching English at a public high school through the Japanese Exchange & Teaching (JET) Program; coordinating institutional partnership development and relations, and developing innovative programs to retain and engage international students in campus life.

Her bachelor's degree is in political science from the University of California San Diego and master's degree is in business administration from California State University San Marcos. She has presented at numerous NAFSA: Association of International Education national and regional conferences on issues of recruitment, engagement, academic performance, regulatory compliance, cultural integration, data analysis, and retention of international students.

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### **DYLAN MATTESON**

**Director, UCLA Lake Arrowhead Lodge**

**UC Los Angeles**

### **Southern California Cohort**

Dylan Matteson is the General Manager & Director of the UCLA Lake Arrowhead Lodge - Conference Center & Family Resort. Dylan is a double Bruin that most recently finished the UCLA Anderson Executive Program in 2020. He has immense pride in working for UCLA and UC as a whole and has had the pleasure of being a part of UCLA's alumni family resort, Bruin Woods, for 16 summers now.

Dylan and his fellow UCLA alumna wife, Stephanie, look forward to welcoming their first baby Bruin into the family during the summer of 2021!

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### **EDIE MITCHELL**

**Director of Risk Management**

**UC San Diego**

**Southern California Cohort**

Edie Mitchell serves as the Director of Risk Management for the University of California, San Diego providing risk and insurance management services to this dynamic campus. She is an experienced

Risk Management with insurance and risk management expertise and leadership in the higher education, insurance, global retail and international energy sectors. As Director of Risk Management, Edie is responsible for multiple insurance and risk management programs such as core loss prevention efforts, financial recovery via claims and risk mitigation consultation for the campus' activities.

Edie is a member of the University of California's Risk Management Leadership Council (RMLC) and serves on University of California, San Diego's Risk Steering Committee (RSC), Vehicle Accident Review Board (VARB) and chairs the Youth Protection and Program Oversight Work Group (YPPO). She is also a member of the University Risk Management and Insurance Association (URMIA), Higher Education Protection Network (HEPNet), and has served as an executive board member for the Pacific Safety Center (PSC) and the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS), San Diego chapter.

Prior to joining University of California, San Diego, Edie provided corporate risk management services at Sempra Energy, a global energy holding company. Edie holds a degree in Business Administration, emphasis in Finance, from University of California, Riverside, an Associate in Commercial Underwriting, Associate in Risk Management and Enterprise Risk Management professional designations from the Insurance Institute of America.



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### **EMILY RANKIN**

#### **Assistant Vice Chancellor, Development UC Riverside Southern California Cohort**

Emily M. Rankin is the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Development at the University of California, Riverside. Emily joined the UCR Advancement team in 2017 and recently helped to successfully close the university's first comprehensive campaign, surpassing the \$300m goal in December 2020.

In her role, Emily is charged with overseeing the fundraising teams for seven of the university's colleges and schools in addition to serving on the Advisory Committee on Campus Art. Emily is managing the first campus public art exhibition of all women sculptors which will open Summer 2021. Emily sits on the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District VII Cabinet as Chair-elect. She has been a member of eight CASE District VII Conference Committees including Alumni Track Co-chair in 2007 and Chair in 2008. Emily has served as a volunteer for CASE since 2000.

Emily's career spans more than two decades in higher education and non-profit management at institutions including Scripps College, University of San Diego, Whittier College, Opera Pacific, and the Byrd Hoffman Foundation. Emily is an alumna of Scripps College and Claremont Graduate University's Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management where she continues to be a loyal donor and avid volunteer.

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### **EMILY WHITE**

**Executive Director, Career Success  
UC Santa Cruz**

### **Northern California Cohort**

Emily White is the Executive Director of Career Success at UC Santa Cruz. She leads a team of fourteen professionals who are dedicated to helping Banana Slugs develop relevant career skills, connect with professionals, build lasting networks, and prepare for and pursue success.

Prior to her role at UC Santa Cruz, Emily spent ten years at UC Santa Barbara Career Services serving as the Senior Associate Director of Employer Relations. During her graduate studies, she also worked at San Francisco State as an Academic Advisor and at the College of San Mateo as a Career Counselor. Emily received a Master of Science in Counseling from San Francisco State University and a Bachelors of Science in Speech and Language Impairment from Eastern Michigan University.

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### **GEORGE GONGORA**

**Police Lieutenant**

**UC Merced**

**Northern California Cohort**

George has worked for the UC Merced Police Department for almost 14 years and has been the Police Lieutenant for almost 4 years. He is a graduate of California State University Stanislaus, with a Masters degree in Public Administration and a BA in Political Science. He was born and raised in Los Banos and lives locally with his wife and twin sons. He likes to exercise, watch movies, and barbeque in his spare time.

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### **GREG MACWAY**

**Executive Director, Supply Chain  
Management**

**UC San Francisco**

**Northern California Cohort**

Greg's 14 years at the University of California, San Francisco have been transformative and dynamic. Starting as a data analyst in a 20 person procurement department, he is now the Executive Director of Finance, Administration, Communication and Customer Service within Supply Chain Management, a 140 person unit responsible for Procurement, Contracting, Accounts Payable, Travel, Reimbursement, Receiving, Delivery, Mail and Warehousing. With a background in Data Analytics and Information Technology, and certifications as a Project Management Professional (PMP®) and Certified Professional in Supply Management (CPSM®) Greg brings a variable toolset to any program. He has worked collaboratively on systemwide programs developing the University of California's procurement data management strategies and many revenue generating programs.

In recent years, Greg's role has transitioned to people and organizational management at UCSF, focusing on the university's most important asset, our people. Greg is also the UCSF Emergency Operations Center Logistics Chief, responsible for emergency procurement, sourcing, and warehousing for COVID and Wildfire related activities.

Greg is an active member of the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP) serving as the Vice Chair on the National Board of Directors. Greg is the recipient of NAEP Volunteer of The Year, Communicator of the Year and Young Professional of the Year awards.

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### **JAMIE LOPEZ**

**Campus Counsel**

**UC Riverside**

**Southern California Cohort**

Jamie Lopez began serving as Campus Counsel for the University of California, Riverside in May 2019. Her primary area of practice is employment, but she provides legal advice and assistance on a wide range of matters affecting faculty, students and staff. Immediately prior to joining, Ms. Lopez was a senior attorney in the Los Angeles office of Dykema Gossett LLP where she focused on labor and employment and

business law, providing advice and counsel as well as litigating cases.

Ms. Lopez graduated from the University of California, San Diego with a BA in Political Science. She then went on to attend and graduate from University of Southern California, Gould School of Law.



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### **JEN SCHWEDLER**

**Associate Dean, Academic Affairs  
Continuing and Professional Education  
UC Davis**

### **Northern California Cohort**

Jen Schwedler, Ed.D., serves as the Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Online Education. She provides strategic direction to the team responsible for creating instructional experiences that support the delivery of high-quality online learning of credit and noncredit academic programs. She collaborates with faculty and academic leaders across the division and the campus on new programs, including selection of delivery channels, instructional design and technology, learner assessment and engagement, faculty and student support, faculty development and learning analytics.

Jen holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Management from Drexel University. Before joining UC Davis, Schwedler held several academic technology and design leadership positions at California State University, Sacramento, most recently serving as associate vice president of Information Resources and Technology.

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### **JESS ÉVORA**

**Associate director, Margo F. Souza Student Leadership Center**

**UC Merced**

**Northern California Cohort**

Jess Évora is a leadership development professional and has been with the Office of Leadership, Service and Career at UC Merced for the past 2 years. In her current role, Jess oversees all strategic planning, programming, and operations for the Margo F. Souza Student

Leadership Center. Jess also facilitates leader development training for students, staff, faculty, and local professionals. This includes leader identity development, skill-building, and strategies for confidence and resilience. In addition to her current role at UC Merced, Jess works with the SMASH Academy at University of Michigan to support scholars' STEM education and resilience. Jess is also Executive Director for Ranja CV, an international non-profit organization engaged in networking and mentorship for the Cabo Verdean Diaspora.

Prior to her current work, Jess enjoyed 4 years with UCLA Residential Life, and then took on various leadership development roles with educational organizations across the U.S. and on international waters (Semester at Sea). A proud native of Rhode Island, Jess affectionately refers to California as her second home and was grateful to return to the UC system in 2019. Jess earned her BS from Syracuse University in New York and her M.Ed. from University of Southern California. When she's not working, you can find Jess taking West Coast road trips, singing and playing her ukulele, or studying the field of physical fitness. However, Jess is most passionate about diversifying the ways in which we engage and develop leaders in our organizations and in our communities.

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### **JESSICA WHYTOCK**

**Professor, School of Law**

**Associate Dean, Law Library and Strategic  
Planning**

**UC Irvine**

**Southern California Cohort**

Jessica Whytock is the Associate Dean of the Law Library and Strategic Planning, and Research Professor of Law at the University of California, Irvine School of Law. In administering the library, she sets library priorities, creates budgets, understands university policies and practices, monitors library trends, creates and updates library policies, submits annual reports, engages in strategic planning, resolves personnel matters, and ensures the library meets the research and resource needs of the entire law school community. She is a member of the law school's Senior Administrative Team and contributes to the team's deliberations. As a faculty member, she teaches a legal research class and serves on multiple law school committees, including the student admissions committee and the building committee.

In her strategic planning role, Dean Whytock helps determine which new projects and initiatives the law school should pursue, how to implement them, and the stakeholders involved. Before joining UCI in 2009, Dean Whytock served as the Head of Research Services at the USC Gould School of Law Library. She earned her BA, MLIS, and JD from Indiana University.

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### **JILL SHARKEY**

**Professor, Department of Counseling,  
Clinical, and School Psychology Associate  
Dean Gevirtz School of Education**

**UC Santa Barbara**

**Southern California Cohort**

Jill D. Sharkey, Ph.D. in Education, is a full professor in the Department of Counseling, Clinical, and School Psychology, Associate Dean for Research and Outreach for the Gevirtz School of Education, School

Psychology Program Credential Coordinator, and a Nationally Certified School Psychologist.

As Associate Dean, Dr. Sharkey is engaged in strategic planning and related initiatives to achieve the mission and values of the Gevirtz School of Education. As a professor, she is heavily engaged in community-based research designed to understand optimal ways to support youth with learning and behavioral challenges who have not been served well in schools and are in juvenile justice, behavioral health, and child welfare systems. Her research has been funded by agencies including the California Board of State and Community Corrections, The California Department of Education, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA) and is designed to transform systems to better serve vulnerable youth.

In particular, Dr. Sharkey has focused on system inequities and racial and ethnic disparities in referrals, treatments, and outcomes for youth with diverse strengths and needs in Santa Barbara County. She is Executive Committee Member and Strategy Team Member of the South Coast Youth Safety Partnership (2011 to present); Elected Member of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council of Santa Barbara County (2008 to present); and on the evaluation subcommittee of the Santa Barbara County Human Trafficking Task Force (2016 to present).



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### **JOAQUIN BECERRA**

**Assistant Dean and Director, Office of  
Student Conduct**

**UC Santa Barbara**

**Southern California Cohort**

Joaquin Becerra (he/him/his) currently serves as the Assistant Dean and Director of the Office of Student Conduct at the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB). In this role, he leads the campus student conduct team who is responsible for the management of alleged

academic integrity, social-behavioral, bias-motivated and Title IX violations within the jurisdiction of the UCSB Student Conduct Code. He has previously served as a Manager of Residential Student Conduct, a Conduct Officer, and a Resident Director at UCSB.

Joaquin holds a Psychology & Chicana Studies bachelor's degree from UCSB, a master's degree in higher education and student affairs from Indiana University, a master's degree in education from UCSB and is currently a doctoral candidate in UCSB's Gevirtz School of Education pursuing a Ph.D. in Education. His research focuses on education organizations, educational leadership, campus climate, and Hispanic-Serving institutions.



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### **KEVIN RUMINSON**

#### **Associate University Librarian for Administrative Services**

#### **UC Irvine**

#### **Southern California Cohort**

Kevin Ruminson is the Associate University Librarian for Administrative Services for the UC Irvine Libraries. In this role, he serves on the Libraries' executive leadership team, coordinates strategic planning, and provides oversight for the Finance, Human Resources, Facilities, Communications, Assessment, and Grants departments and functions. In addition, Kevin supports initiatives to integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion into the Libraries' organizational structure and to expand the Libraries' bandwidth and capacity to support DEI efforts, both at the leadership level and by individual librarians and staff.

Kevin is an active member of the system-wide UC Libraries Administrative Services Advisory Group and serves on the management bargaining team during UC-AFT Unit 17 Professional Librarians negotiations. He also contributes to advancement as a member of the Libraries' External Relations Team, which coordinates development, marketing, communications, and events in support of fundraising, community engagement, and organizational visibility.

Kevin has 20 years of experience in higher education leadership, including 15 years in library administration and five years in system-wide human resources at the California State University Office of the Chancellor. Kevin received a BA in Psychology from Whitter College and a Ph.D. in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from The Graduate Center at the City University of New York.

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### **KIAN COLESTOCK**

**Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief  
Information Officer**

**UC Irvine**

**Southern California Cohort**

Kian Colestock is Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer at the University of California, Irvine and reports to the Vice Chancellor for Information, Technology and Data. He is responsible for providing strategic vision and operational leadership for the Office of

Information Technology at UCI, as well as overseeing technology systems and solutions campuswide.

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) supports the IT needs of UC Irvine faculty, students, and staff. Its mission is to provide information technology leadership, services, and innovative solutions to promote the research, education and community service goals of the University.

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### **LAURA TAUBER**

#### **Executive Director, UC Self-Funded Health Plans**

#### **UC Office of the President**

#### **Northern California Cohort**

Meeting revenue and growth performance of health plans with revenues of over \$1.5 billion is all in a day's work for Laura. In her role as the Executive Director of Self Funded Health Plans for the University of California Office of the President, Laura is responsible for the setting the strategic direction and accountable for the financial performance of six self-funded PPO plans and a flex-funded HMO, serving about 215,000 active employees and retirees. Laura's leadership enables her high-performing team to achieve increasingly difficult financial goals, while improving the member experience. This includes two successful RFP's and transition to a new UC system-wide health plan partners, managing an accountable care organization with the UC Medical Centers for flex-funded HMO members, and leading creation of a population health infrastructure based on the UC Health Data Warehouse analytics. Her team also created a competitive benefits package (including a self-funded PPO, flex-funded HMO, vision, dental, life and disability) for the next generation in medicine—the over 5,000 UC Medical Center residents and fellows. Prior to joining UC, Laura was the Regional Director of Network Management, Northern California, for Scan Health Plan, in which she was the key point of contact for Northern California operations of a Medicare-only health plan. Her career also includes business development roles at Kaiser Permanente and strategic planning at Blue Shield of California. She has also been a health care strategy consultant at Accenture.

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### **KJIERSTEN FAGNAN**

**Chief Informatics Officer, Data Science and Informatics Leader**

**DOE Joint Genome Institute, LBNL  
Northern California Cohort**

Kjersten is the Chief Informatics Officer and Data Science and Informatics Leader at the DOE Joint Genome Institute and has been working at the interface of high-performance computing and biology for more than ten years. She leads interdisciplinary teams in the areas of data management, laboratory information management systems, automation, and scientific search.

Fagnan is also a co-PI for the National Microbiome Data Collaborative, a project focused on advancing scientific discovery by making microbiome data Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR). Fagnan received her Ph.D. from the University of Washington, Seattle in Applied Mathematics, and an MBA from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley.



## 2021 UC-CORO Systemwide Leadership Collaborative



### **KRISTEN MCKINNEY**

**Director, Student Affairs Information and  
Research Office**

**UC Los Angeles**

**Southern California Cohort**

Dr. Kristen McKinney has served as the Director for UCLA's Student Affairs Information and Research Office (SAIRO) since 2011 overseeing assessment support, planning, and capacity building for the Student Affairs Organization, as well as stewarding and reporting on student experience data from major campus surveys and other research projects and making it available for campus planning and problem-solving.

Prior to joining SAIRO, Dr. McKinney held a variety of student affairs and institutional research and assessment positions across UCLA. Dr. McKinney has served as lecturer at UCLA teaching a variety of courses in education topics, particularly student development and campus climate. Currently she serves as an Associate Lecturer for University of Wisconsin, La Crosse in the Student Affairs Administration Ed.D. program.

Dr. McKinney has served the student affairs profession nationally as part of the Directorate Board for ACPA's Commission for Assessment and Evaluation, including a term as Commission Chair. Dr. McKinney served as a faculty member for the ACPA Assessment Institute for eight years, and Institute Chair for two. Dr. McKinney also serves as the University of California representative to the Student Experience in the Research University (SERU) consortium.



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### **LEESA BECK**

**Director, Summer Sessions**

**UC Santa Barbara**

**Southern California Cohort**

During her 20 years in higher education, 15 at UC Santa Barbara, Leesa has held a variety of roles spanning IT, Student Affairs, and Academic Affairs. For the past two years she has served as Director of Summer Sessions, where she has worked on a number of initiatives and programs to better support underserved students, including partnering with the Transfer Student Center to create the Transfer Edge summer

bridge program, and expanding summer programs for students facing academic and financial challenges. An innovator and strong proponent of improving the student experience through the use of technology, she has played key roles in numerous campus and systemwide IT projects, including the SIS rewrite, business intelligence, electronic transcripts and diplomas, the Cross-Campus Enrollment System, online catalog, UCPATH, and many others. She has a passion for social justice, and particularly champions projects that advance equity, such as chosen names and pronouns, and device access for all students.

Leesa holds a BA from Cornell University, an MBA from Pepperdine University, and a Ph.D. in Educational Statistics and Measurement from UCSB.

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### **LIZ GRIFFIN**

**Chief of Police**

**UC Irvine**

**Southern California Cohort**

Liz Griffin has served as the Chief of Police for UCI Police Department since May 2019. She came to UCI from the Long Beach Police Department, where she had served since 1992 with 27 years of service. At UCI, she oversees a team of 50 officers and more than 60 public safety and professional staff who provide 24/7 safety and protection for the campus and the medical center.

Liz earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at California State University, Fullerton, and a master's in emergency services administration at California State University, Long Beach. She is a graduate of the LAPD West Point Leadership Program, Sherman Block Supervisor Leadership Institute, and the FBI National Academy.

Liz manages an operation that includes patrol, administration, investigations and support services, as well as the Public Safety Team at the UCI Medical Center, located in Orange.

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### **LUCY AVETISYAN**

**Associate Vice Chancellor and CIO,  
Administration**

**UC Los Angeles**

**Southern California Cohort**

Lucy Avetisyan is a seasoned change leader known for building high-performance teams, guiding change, and achieving results to support the university's missions of education, research, and service. She joined UCLA in May 2020 as the first campus-wide CIO and is leading UCLA's information technology transformation in collaboration and partnership with the campus community.

Prior to joining UCLA, Lucy served as the deputy CIO at USC, where she spent the last 21 years in various roles. She started her career at USC as a student, earning three degrees: a BA in broadcasting from the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism; a BA in political science from the Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences; and an executive MBA from the Marshall School of Business.

Lucy's accomplishments at USC include leading the digital transformation strategy, enterprise data and applications modernization program; IT governance; managing the implementation of the Workday HCM program; and overseeing the IT finance and procurement initiatives. She is credited with transforming USC's customer and employee experience, and she co-sponsored the Secure|Connected and Imagine programs.

Lucy also launched the information technology services' functions for Engagement, Culture & Communications; Customer Experience; the Enterprise Portfolio Management Office; and Strategic Planning & Analysis.

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### **MARIO PERAZA**

**Executive Director, Alumni Relations**

**UC San Francisco**

**Northern California Cohort**

Mario Peraza is the executive director of Alumni Relations at UCSF. In this role, Mario guides the vision and direction for alumni programming and engagement of over 68,000 living alumni, and provides leadership and support for the Alumni Association of UCSF (AAUCSF). He also serves as the liaison between Alumni Relations and various campus partners.

Mario leads a team of professional staff and alumni volunteers that together leverage and expand alumni relationships, connections, and networks across all areas of health care. Mario completed his bachelor's degree in chemistry at the University of Illinois and his M.Ed. degree in Higher Education Administration at the University of Maryland College Park. Prior to joining UCSF, Mario was the director of Alumni Volunteer programs at the University of Maryland working with over 100 alumni volunteers nationwide.



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### **MARK DEPPE**

**Director, UCI Esports**

**UC Irvine**

### **Southern California Cohort**

Mark led the effort to create the award-winning esports program at UCI. Working closely with student leaders, administrators, faculty, and industry partners, Mark built a business plan that was both cost-neutral to the university and that broadly approaches the through the five pillars of Competition, Research, Community, Entertainment, and Careers.

Mark was selected to serve as the inaugural commissioner for the North America Scholastic Esports Federation, helping connect learning to student interests. In June 2018, UCI's League of Legends team won the College League of Legends Championship. In October 2018, UCI's esports program was awarded "Most Outstanding Collegiate Program" by the esports industry at the Tempest Awards. While at UCI, Mark has coordinated many campus traditions including helping break Guinness Book World records.

Mark has a BS in psychobiology from UCLA and an MBA from Cal State Fullerton's College of Business and Economics.



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### **MELINDA ALVAREZ**

**Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the  
Chancellor**

**UC Irvine**

**Southern California Cohort**

Melinda Alvarez is the deputy chief of staff in the Office of the Chancellor at UCI. In this role, she serves as a conduit for highly sensitive/timely information, messages, actions, and direction between the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellors, Chancellor's Cabinet, Chancellor's Advisory Council, UC Regents, and the campus community. She oversees the operations of the Tierney University House, and the executive support function to the chancellor and associate chancellor and chief of staff.

She has been with UCI for over 10 years. She began her career with the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics before joining the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor's Office, and finally the Office of the Chancellor. Besides sports,

Melinda also has a love for dentistry as she was the administrator of a private practice for five years prior to joining UCI.

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### **MICHAEL LAZZARA**

**Associate Vice Provost for Academic Programs Global Affairs**

**UC Davis**

### **Northern California Cohort**

Michael Lazzara is Associate Vice Provost for Academic Programs in Global Affairs at the University of California, Davis. In that capacity, he oversees the building of global institutional partnerships, international agreements, faculty engagement, grants and awards, and global professional programs. He is a professor of Latin American literature

and cultural studies in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and one of the founding faculty of UC Davis' Program in Human Rights Studies.

A passionate advocate for global education, Professor Lazzara has chaired the Academic Senate's Committee on International Education—at both the UC Davis and UC system levels—and has served as a member of the UC Education Abroad Program's (UCEAP) Executive Committee. He is also a longstanding leader of study abroad programs and was the recipient of a Fulbright fellowship for research in Chile.

## 2021 UC-CORO Systemwide Leadership Collaborative



### **MICHELLE SITYAR**

**Executive Officer, Environment, Health & Safety**

**UC Los Angeles**

**Southern California Cohort**

Michelle Amante Sityar, MPH is the Executive Officer of UCLA Environment, Health and Safety, where she oversees departmental operations, administrative policies and procedures, strategic initiatives, and executive communications. She also serves as a strategic advisor to campus leadership, and her most recent appointment was as Director of the UCLA Emergency Operations Center for the COVID-19 response under the chancellor's delegation of authority.

Sityar has served as chair to many local and systemwide committees, including the UC Occupational Safety Workgroup, UCLA Injury Prevention Committee, and various COVID-19 response and recovery workgroups. Prior to joining the UC as a staff member in 2009, she devoted many years to the private sector as an industrial hygienist and health and safety consultant for environmental and worker's compensation firms.

She earned her Master's in Public Health in Environmental Health Sciences from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Social Behavior with a Minor in Epidemiology and Public Health from UC Irvine.

## 2021 UC-CORO Systemwide Leadership Collaborative



### **MISSY GABLE**

**Director, Horticulture**

**UC Master Gardener Program**

**UC ANR**

**Northern California Cohort**

In her current position, Missy serves as the statewide Director of the UC Master Gardener Program, hosted through UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR). In this capacity, she provides academic and administrative oversight of 52 county-based programs. In total, the UC Master Gardener Program has over 6,000 volunteers

engaging over one million Californians annually and contributing over 500,000 hours in the service of extending research based information on home horticulture to the gardening public. The program is valued at over \$15.6 million annually.

At UC ANR, Missy serves on the UC Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee, the UC Integrated Pest Management Urban Stakeholder Committee, the Vice President's Council, and a number of Program Teams and Workgroups. External to UC, she has served on the 'Bee Board' of Haagen-Dazs brand ice cream, as a Regional Director for the Alumni Association of the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation, and on the board of TreeDavis. Nationally, Missy recently completed her tenure as the Chair and Southwest Regional Representative of the Extension Master Gardener National Committee.

Missy currently serves on the Executive Leadership team for the National Initiative for Consumer Horticulture.



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### **NIKKI HUMPHREYS**

**Biosciences Area Operations Deputy  
LBNL**

### **Northern California Cohort**

Nikki Humphreys works at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab) as the Biosciences Area Deputy of Operations and Operations Deputy for the Environmental Genomics and Systems Biology (EGSB), the Molecular Biophysics and Integrated Bioimaging (MBIB) divisions, as well as the Biosciences Operations at Berkeley Center. She has worked in the University of California (UC) System for over twenty-three years gathering a wealth of experience and honing her analytical, communication, planning, and project management skills.

In addition to Berkeley Lab, she has held management positions at UC Berkeley, UC Davis, and UC Agriculture & Natural Resources (UC ANR). Most recently, she has been serving as the Director of Administration of the Department of Bioengineering at the University of California, Berkeley. Throughout her career, Mrs. Humphreys has provided service and leadership in the areas of financial management, project management, strategic planning, and personnel administration. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies with an emphasis in cultural and economic relations in the United States from UC Berkeley.



## 2021 UC-CORO Systemwide Leadership Collaborative



### **PAT GODEFROY**

**Associate Dean, Marketing and  
Communications, Anderson School of  
Management**

**UC Los Angeles**

**Southern California Cohort**

Pat Godefroy is associate dean, marketing & communications at UCLA Anderson School of Management. She made the switch to academia eight years ago after a nearly 30-year career within public relations agencies. She began her career as a college intern at Burson-Marsteller, where she rose through the ranks to vice president working for a wide range of leading consumer, entertainment, technology and healthcare brands. She left Burson-Marsteller at 29 to co-found her own agency, Douglas Consulting Group, which quickly made a national name for itself as a creative hot shop. In 1999, she and her partner sold their firm to WPP's Cohn & Wolfe, where she served first as president and managing director of the Los Angeles office, and ultimately as global chief branding officer.

Pat holds an MA in Journalism from USC and a BS in Journalism from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

## 2021 UC-CORO Systemwide Leadership Collaborative



### **RENÉE BAHL**

**Associate Vice Chancellor, Design, Facilities  
and Safety Services**

**UC Santa Barbara**

**Southern California Cohort**

Renée E. Bahl has 30 years of public service in local and state government. In 2016 she was appointed Associate Vice Chancellor for University of California, Santa Barbara, to oversee design, construction, facilities and safety services for the campus.

Her portfolio includes Facilities Management; Design and Construction Services; Environmental Health and Safety; and Business and Financial Planning. She leads a team of over 330 employees and with a capital and operating budget exceeding \$200 million. Her leadership roles at UCSB include co-chairing several campus wide committees, notably the Chancellor's Sustainability Committee, the Design Review Committee, and the Laboratory Safety Committee. Previously, she was Assistant County Executive Officer for the County of Santa Barbara where she directed multiple departments such as Public Works; Planning and Development; General Services; Community Services (Parks, Libraries, Arts, Housing); the Public Defender; and Agriculture, Weights and Measures.

From 2009 to 2012 she was the Arizona State Parks Director where she managed 30 state parks and natural areas; the State Historic Preservation Office; the statewide Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle programs; capital development; and grant programs. She successfully implemented an initiative to keep State Parks open through partnerships during the state's financial crises. Bahl also served as Director of San Diego County Parks and Recreation, where she directed the rebuild and stabilization of 15,000 acres of parkland and 21 facilities after the 2003 Cedar and Paradise wildfires.

Renée received her Master of Public Administration in Policy Analysis/Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs (now Paul O'Neill School) and received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Emory University in Atlanta.

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### **ROWENA MANLAPAZ**

**Associate Chief Strategy Officer, Office of  
the Vice Chancellor and CEO**

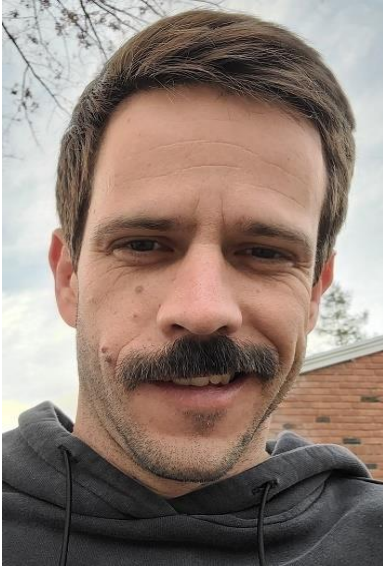
**UC Davis Health**

**Northern California Cohort**

Rowena R. Manlapaz is the Associate Chief Strategy Officer for UC Davis Health. In this role, she co-manages the Office of Strategy, comprised of Strategic Planning, Business Development & Growth, Strategic Deployment, and Market Analytics and Strategic Intelligence. She identifies internal and external growth opportunities; develops concepts, business cases and execution plans for strategic initiatives; and structures, negotiates and implements health care transactions. Before joining UC Davis Health, she was a Principal Counsel in the University of California's Office of the General Counsel, bringing her corporate, real estate and tax law experience to the UC medical centers' joint ventures, acquisitions, dispositions, strategic affiliations, and other transactions.

Before joining the University, Ms. Manlapaz was Vice President and Associate Counsel at Prologis Inc. (fka AMB Property Corporation), a publicly traded real estate investment trust, and an associate attorney at the law firms of Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP and Morrison & Foerster LLP. She is a graduate of Cornell University (B.A. Economics) and the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. She also studied at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan. She is currently Chair of the Transactions Affinity Group (Business Law and Governance Practice Group) of the American Health Law Association (AHLA), and previously served as Vice Chair of AHLA's Governance Affinity Group. She also serves as an advisor to the California Lawyers Association's Health Law Committee. She mentors law students through the Filipino Bar Association of Northern California and UC Berkeley School of Law's First Generation Professionals program.

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### **RYAN DICKSON**

**Associate Director, Audit and Management  
Advisory Services**

**UC Davis**

**Northern California Cohort**

Ryan is a product of public education in California: raised in public schools, he took advantage of state community college, received bachelor's and master's degrees from the Cal State system, and completed a professional degree with the University of California.

At UC Davis Ryan has worn as many hats as he can get my hands on: so far they've been Law Student and Research Assistant; English department faculty; advisor in student disciplinary proceedings; woodworker; counselor for prisoners of the State; Chancellor's Fellow; Internal Auditor; staff trainer; and Audit Manager.

Ryan and his wife live in Sacramento with their four children. They love gardening and pretty much anything else that gets them outdoors. Ryan is grateful for a practice in yoga, which gives a systematic approach to mental clarity and calmness, and a healthy outlet for his compulsion toward self-competition and continuous improvement.

Ryan is a licensed Attorney in the State of California, and a Certified Internal Auditor. He believes that UC is a dynamic force for good in the world, and it is his privilege to contribute.



## 2021 UC-CORO Systemwide Leadership Collaborative



### **SUSAN PAPPAS**

**Executive Director, UCSF Health Experience Excellence**

**UC San Francisco Health**

**Northern California Cohort**

As the Executive Director of the UCSF Health Experience Excellence, Susan is responsible for leading a division dedicated to strategically enhancing and advancing the patient experience across the entire enterprise. Her division consists of the following departments:

Experience Improvement, Experience Intelligence, Patient Communications, Patient Relations, Decedent Affairs, Volunteer Services, Guest Screening Services, Spiritual Care, Pastoral Education, and Language and Interpreting Services.

Susan is passionate about elevating the human experience of healthcare while continually keeping UCSF Health's focus on what matters to patients, families and caregivers. She oversees global patient engagement initiatives such as 14 patient advisory councils, patient voice capture through formal surveying methods (approximately two million surveys per year) and patient partnerships assisting with process improvement efforts. She is an active member on the health equity council, the council for disabilities inclusion, and most recently the digital patient experience initiative. She earned her undergraduate degree in business administration from Grand Canyon University in Arizona and holds a Certified Patient Experience Professional distinction. Her career of 36 years in patient advocacy leadership spans four large institutions (Banner Health in AZ, UC San Diego Health, University of Chicago Medicine and UCSF Health).

## 2021 UC-CORO Systemwide Leadership Collaborative



### **SUZANNE SUTTON**

**Senior Assistant Dean for Business  
Development and Operations, College of  
Chemistry**

**UC Berkeley**

**Northern California Cohort**

Suzanne Sutton is the Senior Assistant Dean for Business Development and Operations in the College of Chemistry at UC Berkeley. In this role, she is the chief financial officer and the person responsible for leading new revenue generation programs and relationships for the college.

Prior to joining UC Berkeley in 2013, she spent 15 years at UC San Francisco and was privileged to have been involved in a range of responsibilities. These included the design of the clinical enterprise for UCSF Stanford Health Care, managing the General Internal Medicine ambulatory practice and academic division, and overseeing the Department of Medicine's research administration operation.

Her passion is to tackle challenges and solve problems using creative and cost-effective solutions. She enjoys working in teams to effect positive change and is proud of her accomplishments in identifying strong talent and mentoring others, and building teams and organizations. She received her bachelors' degrees in Integrative Biology and Art from UC Berkeley and a Masters of Public Health emphasizing Health Policy and Management from Columbia University.

## 2021 UC-CORO Systemwide Leadership Collaborative



### **TRACY RICHMOND MCKNIGHT**

**Director, Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program**

**UC Office of the President**

**Northern California Cohort**

Tracy Richmond McKnight, Ph.D. is currently Director of the California Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP), which is housed at UCOP. TRDRP has a 30 year history of funding pivotal research into the biomedical, social behavioral, and policy implications of commercial tobacco use – including vaping. TRDRP-funded research laid the groundwork for California to become the national leader in tobacco control and smoke-free policies.

Dr. McKnight holds BS (Spelman College) and MS (NYU-Poly) degrees in physics, a PhD (UC Davis) in biomedical engineering, and has over 20 years of experience in bioengineering research, science policy, and capacity-building in STEM. She led an active cancer neuroimaging research program at the University of California, San Francisco as an Associate Professor in the Department of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging. Her research included both animal and human studies of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) methods for managing patients with brain cancer. Dr. McKnight was also actively engaged in recruiting and mentoring trainees from underrepresented groups during the entire course of her academic career.

After 15 years at UCSF, Dr. McKnight accepted a position at an early-stage biotechnology company, Valerion Therapeutics, where she was the Director of Translational Research and led programs using a novel antibody-enzyme fusion platform to treat rare diseases of the brain and muscle. Concurrently, she founded the TRM Research and Consulting Group to support her passion for increasing diversity in the STEM fields. Now at TRDRP, Dr. McKnight continues to use STEM to foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, and to address other societal needs.

## 2021 UC-CORO Systemwide Leadership Collaborative



### **TUANH DO**

**Executive Director and Deputy to the Vice President, Graduate, Undergraduate and Equity Affairs**

**UC Office of the President  
Southern California Cohort**

Tuanh Do is Executive Director of Graduate, Undergraduate, and Equity Affairs, and Deputy to the Vice President for Graduate and Undergraduate Affairs/Vice Provost for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at the University of California Office of the President (UCOP). In this role, she leads implementation of the Graduate, Undergraduate and Equity Affairs strategic plan, advances the department's goals and priorities, and oversees budget, human resources, and administration.

Tuanh brings 25 years of professional experience to her role. She has served as a member of organizational restructuring, technology, hiring, advisory, and planning groups in business, nonprofit, university, and K-12 settings.

Prior to joining UCOP in 2017, Tuanh served as chief operating officer for a San Francisco Bay Area technology services and consulting firm. She began her higher education career as a program and policy analyst at University Health Services at the University of California, Berkeley. Tuanh has served in volunteer leadership and advisory roles for the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), and the American Red Cross.

Tuanh was born in Vietnam and raised in San Diego, California. She holds a BA in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley and is a proud Golden Bear.



## 2021 UC-CORO Systemwide Leadership Collaborative



### **VERONICA ALEXANDER**

**Assistant Dean, Development and External Relations, School of Social Welfare**

**UC Berkeley**

**Northern California Cohort**

Assistant Dean Veronica Alexander is a retained gift officer specializing in recruiting quality donors and retaining volunteers for the University of California to support the academic unit's highest priorities and engage with them for years to come. She specializes in talent acquisition to build solid external relations teams and believes that inclusion and diversity can lead to the highest forms of innovation with the greatest return. Awarded the Gift Planning Partner Award from the University Development and Alumni Relations in 2019, Assistant Dean Alexander has been an effective collaborator, project manager, and visionary for more than two decades.

Before joining Berkeley, Veronica was the Law School Director of Development at the University of California Irvine (UCI) and the Law School Director of Financial Aid at UCLA. She holds a Master of Advanced Study in Criminology, Law, and Society, earning the departmental Stephen M. Rosoff Outstanding Research award from the University of California, Irvine. She also earned a BA in Social Ecology at UCI.

## 2021 UC-CORO Systemwide Leadership Collaborative



### **WENDY HUNTER BARKER**

**Assistant Dean, Strategy and Operations,  
Rady School of Management**

**UC San Diego**

**Southern California Cohort**

Wendy Hunter Barker is the Assistant Dean of Strategy and Operations for UC San Diego's Rady School of Management. In this role, Wendy provides leadership, risk analysis, and experienced planning related to academic, policy, and strategic dimensions of the school's operations.

She oversees seven units, the administration of the research centers, and heads all efforts around executive education and equity, diversity, and inclusion. She is a key leader on policy and process mapping, campus collaboration creation, and represents the school as one of four Change Leaders co-directing the UC San Diego Changemaker Institute.

Prior to joining Rady in 2020, Wendy served for six years as the assistant dean for Academic Programs at UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy. She began her time at UC San Diego with a 14-year term at Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) where she worked as an international relations coordinator, internal communications manager for the Vice Chancellor, deputy director for finance and operations, and finally director of Institutional Initiatives. At SIO, her portfolio included alumni relations, business development, external relations coordination, international relations, and institutional proposal development.

Wendy received her BA with honors in political science and international relations from UCLA and a masters in international peace and conflict resolution from American University in Washington, D.C.