



Berkeley City College

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News for the Board Tuesday, September 8, 2015

- **MSRI/BCC present “Internet Voting: Wishful Thinking?”, 6:30 p.m., Wed., Sept. 16**

“Internet Voting: Wishful Thinking?”, 6:30 p.m., Wed., Sept. 16 will address security threats to Internet voting. The presentation also will also touch on online voter registration, online ballot marking systems and computerized voting in general. The free and open to the public lecture takes place at Berkeley City College’s auditorium, 2050 Center St. between Shattuck Ave. & Milvia Sts. Reserve your place at http://www.msri.org/general_events/21556.

Public opinion, combined with appeals on behalf of voters with disabilities, have created strong pressure to adopt Internet voting. In the U.S. there is also concern about facilitating voting for members of the military and civilians living abroad. Consequently, Internet voting is currently being deployed in some states and considered by others. Similar patterns exist in other countries, such as Australia and Canada.

Dr. Barbara Simons, presenter, is a former President of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), the nation’s oldest and largest educational and scientific society for computing professionals. She is the only woman to have received the Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award from the College of Engineering at UC Berkeley, where she earned her Ph.D. in computer science. A fellow of ACM and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, she also received the Computing Research Association Distinguished Service Award and the Electronic Frontier Foundation Pioneer Award.

An expert on electronic voting, she published *Broken Ballots: Will Your Vote Count?*, a book on voting machines co-authored with Douglas Jones. She was appointed to the Board of Advisors of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission in 2008 by Sen. Harry Reid, and she co-authored the report that led to the cancellation of the U.S. Department of Defense’s Internet voting project (SERVE) in 2004 because of security concerns.

She co-authored “The Future of Voting: End-to-End Verifiable Internet Voting,” the July 2015 report of the U.S. Vote Foundation. She is Board Chair of Verified Voting.

Her Wed., Sept. 16 presentation is part of the “Not on the Test: The Pleasures and Uses of Mathematics” series of four public lectures in 2015–16, which are jointly presented by the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI) and Berkeley City College (BCC). They are made possible with funding from the Simons Foundation.

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• Berkeley City College Adds Economics AA-T Degree

Berkeley City College this summer added an Economics Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) Degree, bringing the college's total number of Associate Degrees for Transfer to 15. AA-T and AS-T degrees allow students to smoothly transfer to the California State University of their choice. They are guaranteed admission into their lower division major or to a similar major at the California State University of their choice. Earning an AA-T or AS-T degree also means extra points on their UC applications. BCC's Associate in Science for Transfer degrees are in Business Administration and Mathematics; and Associate in Arts for Transfer degrees are in Anthropology, Art History, Communication Studies, Economics Elementary Teacher Education, English, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology Spanish and Studio Arts.

• Berkeley City College Welcomes New Faculty, Administrators

Several new full-time faculty members joined Berkeley City College this fall. They are Jenny Gough (American Sign Language), Charlotte Lee (Political Science), Carolyn Martin (Art History), Mary Clark Miller (Multimedia Arts), and Francisco Monsalve (Physics). In counseling, new faculty are Skyler Barton, Denise Jones, Catherine Nichols and Christina Taing

Berkeley City College also welcomed several new administrators. They are: Dr. Diana Bajrami, Interim Vice President of Student Services; Paula Coil, interim Director of Campus and Student Life; and Theresa Rowland, interim Dean of Academic Pathways, Workforce Development and Student Success. Dr. May Chen has assumed the role of Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness.

• BCC Faculty Elect 2015-16 Department Chairs

Berkeley City College faculty have elected department chairs for the 2015-16 academic year. They are:

- Dr. Laura Ruberto and Jennifer Braman, Co-Chairs, Art and Cultural Studies
- Iva Ikeda, Chair, American Sign Language
- Dr. Paramsothy Thananjeyan, Chair, Business/Computer Information Systems/Economics
- Allene Hegler and Susan Truong, Co-Chairs, Counseling
- Jennifer Lowood and Gabrielle Winer, Co-Chairs, English and English as a Second Language
- Josh Boatright, Chair, Library
- Kelly Pernell, Chair, Mathematics
- Rachel Simpson, Chair, Multimedia Arts
- Dr. Fabian Banga, Modern Languages
- Dr. Barbara Des Rochers and Dr. Siraj Omar, Co-Chairs, Science
- Dr. Linda Mcallister and Dr. Thomas Kies, Co-Chairs, Social Sciences