INAUGURAL Ph.D.
CAREER CONFERENCE
for life after graduate school

Saturday, May 16, 2009 | 9AM-2PM
Price Center Ballroom East
Dear Fellow Graduate Students:

On behalf of the Graduate Student Association, welcome to the Inaugural Ph.D. Career Conference. This event serves as the culmination of months of planning dedicated to providing you with the tools to make the very best out of your graduate degree.

The vision for this event was generated, in part, by the responses to the Graduate and Professional Student Experience and Satisfaction Survey completed two years ago. Respondents expressed a concern with the limited information available to graduates pursuing non-academic career options. Few at that time would have presaged the current employment situation.

The current year has brought news of cancelled faculty searches and a slumping academic job market. In many cases, even the most qualified of graduate students have failed to secure employment in the sort of academic positions of their choosing. While many soon-to-be graduates have resigned themselves to a surviving a “lost year” of adjunct teaching and other “improvisational solutions,” the reality is that a wealth of options remain open to resourceful souls.

Over the next few hours, I hope remarks from welcome speaker Sandra Dijkstra, conference panelists, and keynote speaker Jorge Cham will provide you with an array of ideas and knowledge to pursue a variety of career opportunities with your degree.

Sincerely,

Charles Nicholas Saenz
President, Graduate Student Association
University of California, San Diego
Penny Rue, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, UC San Diego
University of Maryland, Counseling and Personnel Services, ‘79

Prior to becoming Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at UC San Diego, Dr. Rue served as dean of students at the University of Virginia. Along with solid academic credentials in the field of counseling and student personnel services, her career has included more than 30 years in some of the most prestigious higher education institutions in the U.S., including Georgetown University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Maryland.

Dr. Rue received her B.A. from Duke University in English and Religion, an M.A. in student personnel work from Ohio State University.

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Association (GSA)
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9:30 am - 9:45 am  KICKOFF SPEAKER
“The Wealth of Opportunities in Your
UC San Diego Degree”
Sandra Dijkstra, Ph.D.
’76, UC San Diego, Literature
Founder, owner, and President,
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10:00 am - 10:50 am  CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1
Red Shoe Room  • Careers Beyond Academia for
Humanities & Social Science Ph.D.s
Marshall College Room  • So You Want to Be a Professor!
Roosevelt College Room  • Careers Beyond Academia in the
Sciences & Engineering
Warren College Room  • Communication & Leadership Seminar

11:00 am - 11:50 am  CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2
Red Shoe Room  • Making the Most of Your Post Doc
Marshall College Room  • So You Want to Be a Professor!
Roosevelt College Room  • Careers Beyond Academia in the
Sciences & Engineering
Warren College Room  • Non-faculty Jobs in Academia

12:00 pm - 12.45 pm  NETWORKING BUFFET LUNCHEON
For registered students, panelists, staff and guests

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Jorge Cham, Ph.D.
’03, Stanford, Mechanical Engineering
Artist/Publisher, Piled Higher & Deeper
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2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  Closing Remarks and Reception
Beer & Wine reception
Hosted by the UCSD Alumni Association

Winner announce during the Welcome Address—WINNER MUST BE PRESENT.
Sandra Dijkstra, Ph.D.
‘76, UC San Diego, Literature
Founder, owner, and President
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Sandra was born in the Bronx, schooled in the East, then came west to grad school at Berkeley. Over twenty-five years ago, she came to agenting with a Ph.D. in French Literature, bringing a keen editorial eye honed during a decade of university teaching, and on the business front, her homegrown New Yorker skill for selling. Over the years, Newsweek has dubbed her “the best agent in the West,” Esquire chose her as one of the nation’s top five literary agents, and the Los Angeles Times proclaimed her an “über-agent” and “the most powerful literary agent on the West Coast.”

Sandra looks for writers who have something significant to say, and who know how to say it in their own unique way. She is known for her eye for quality fiction that sells well. On the literary fiction side, her roster of authors includes Chitra Divakaruni, Maxine Hong Kingston, Anchee Min, Lisa See, Amy Tan, and Luis Urrea, among others. On the mystery/thriller side, she champions bestselling Diane Mott Davidson and Cosmopolitan’s Kate White. And, on the children’s front, she is Janell Cannon’s proud agent.

Sandra’s roots in academe, as well as her passionate concern that our books contribute to making this world a better place, have led her to become an advocate for a leading group of investigative journalists including the Wall Street Journal’s Jess Bravin, and the Los Angeles Times’ Tom Hamburger, Michael Hiltzik, and Peter Wallsten, and two important critics of our times, Mike Davis (Ecology of Fear) and Chalmers Johnson (Blowback). She is agent to major American historians, many of them award-winning, including Pulitzers Ira Berlin, Stephen Hahn, and Leon Litwack, as well as prizewinning Civil War historian Eric Foner, Wall Street scribe Steve Fraser, civil libertarian Peter Irons, economic historian David Landes, American Revolution historian Gary Nash, women’s historians Elaine May and Ruth Rosen, and many more.

In addition, Sandra has developed a strong list on the science front, featuring such gurus as Don Norman (The Design of Everyday Things), Irvin Yalom (The Gift of Therapy), Dr. Gary Small (The Memory Bible), and Bernd Heinrich (Winter World), as well as on the business side, starring bestseller Joel Greenblatt, as well as David Einhorn, and Herman Miller’s Max dePree (Leadership is an Art). Reaching for the sky, on the realm of religious studies, Sandra champions award-winning scholar Paula Fredriksen (Augustine and the Jews) and bestseller Stephen Prothero (Religious Literacy).

Jorge Cham, Ph.D.
‘03, Stanford, Mechanical Engineering
Artist/Publisher, Piled Higher & Deeper Publishing, LLC

Jorge has visited hundreds of universities and colleges all over the country, giving talks about procrastination as a formative aspect of the graduate lifestyle and autographing copies of his books, the most recent being Piled Higher and Deeper: Academic Stimulus Package. He first started drawing PhD Comics as a graduate student at Stanford University, and has since been syndicated in several university newspapers, including The Stanford Daily, The MIT Tech, The Caltech and Carnegie Mellon Newspapers among others.

Jorge earned his Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering at Stanford University, specializing in Robotics. His research focused on dynamic legged biomimetic robots that incorporated novel manufacturing technologies and design lessons from biology. The resulting prototypes remain among the fastest recorded running robots ever created (for their size), achieving robust locomotion without sensory feedback.

A one-time instructor and researcher at the California Institute of Technology, Jorge chronicles the struggles and humor of the lives of graduate students using, the latest computer technology. Drawing directly in a graphics program using a computer graphics tablet, or digitizing pad, and stylus, he derives his themes from his experiences and those of his friends.

Learn more about Jorge Cham and view the Piled Higher & Deeper strip at www.phdcomics.com.
Careers Beyond Academia in the Sciences & Engineering
Moderator, Sam Ulin, Ph.D. candidate, Biology, UC San Diego

Proven leaders within their industries, this panel has what it takes to not only transition but excel in careers beyond academia. Learn about the often overlooked strategies, experiences, and sought-after skills needed within industry to help you make a successful and affirmative choice of a career outside of academia.

FEATURING:
Matthew Graham, Ph.D.
Matthew Graham received his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering with an emphasis in Dynamic Systems and Control from the University of California San Diego in 2007. His research focus was developing methods for modeling, analysis and control of linear systems. In 2008 he joined Cymer Inc. and has worked as an algorithms engineer, analyzing and designing control systems for lithography light sources.

Alan Nash, Ph.D.
Founder, Aleph One LLC, UC San Diego, Computer Science and Mathematics, 2006
Allan Nash is the founder and manager of Aleph One LLC, a quantitative hedge fund based in La Jolla, California, and a joint venture with Tradeworx, Inc. Prior to starting Aleph One, Allan was Vice President of investment research at Tradeworx. Allan has worked as a researcher in the theory group at the IBM Almaden Research Center, Chief Scientist at Systran Software, developing software for automatic translation of human languages, including Babel Fish, and was founder and CEO of Tesuji educational software. Allan also spent two summers at Microsoft on a Research Fellowship and several years as a systems manager, systems architect, and assistant VP at Merrill Lynch.

Sheila Shah, Ph.D.
New Product Introduction Project Manager, Life Technologies, UC San Diego, Biology, 2001
As a New Product Introduction (NPI) Project Manager, Sheila Shah oversees and leads the new product introductions from the time it becomes an approved project through full production. She is accountable for the coordination of all activities within Operations to ensure project timeliness and milestones are met. Sheila’s career in Life Technologies began as a Production Team Scientist before moving to a management track. Sheila holds a Doctorate degree in Biology from UCSD. She resides in San Marcos with her husband and 2 sons.

Nicole Smith-Harriott, Ph.D.
Research Scientist – Medicinal Chemistry, Neurocrine Biosciences, UC San Diego, Chemistry and Biochemistry, 2004
Dr. Smith-Harriott earned her B.S. in chemistry and biology from Ashland University in 1999 and attended the University of California, San Diego on an NIH Predoctoral fellowship completing her Ph.D in chemistry in 2004. She then was awarded an American Cancer Society postdoctoral fellowship and carried out her studies in natural products total synthesis at the University of Chicago. Dr. Smith-Harriott joined Neurocrine Biosciences as a Research Scientist in the Medicinal Chemistry department in 2006 and currently resides in San Diego with her husband.

Sylvia Tara, Ph.D.
President, Firstline Consulting Group, UC San Diego, Biochemistry, 1999
Dr. Tara is the founder and President of FirstLine Consulting Group. She has a decade of experience working in top tier firms including McKinsey & Company, Genentech and Biogen Idec. She has a Ph.D in Biochemistry from UCSD and MBA from the Wharton School of Business. Her combination of scientific background and commercial expertise enable her to perform rigorous scientific analysis and interpret its commercial impact.
So You Want to Be a Professor!
Moderator: Craig Schmidt, M.A., Assistant Director, Career Services Center, UC San Diego

Finding your first academic position after earning your doctorate can be a daunting and bewildering endeavor. To help approach this task, this distinguished panel of tenured and tenure-track professors will offer advice and proven tips that can give you an enormous head start when you’re ready to go “On the Academic Market.”

Learn first-hand: How the selection process works, the steps in an academic interview process, how to present your credentials in the best possible manner, how a candidate can best prepare, and if you can negotiate your offer?

FEATURING:
Matt Anderson, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Physics Department, San Diego State University
University of Oregon, Physics, 1998
Dr. Anderson earned his B.S. from UC San Diego and his Ph.D. from the University of Oregon. He then carried out postdoctoral work at the University of Rochester Institute of Optics. He started at SDSU in 2000 and received tenure in 2006. He recently returned from sabbatical in Oxford with his wife and two girls. Dr. Anderson’s research interests lie in ultrafast lasers, pulse shaping, measurement, and nonlinear optical processes.

Eric Fullerton, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, UC San Diego
UC San Diego, Physics, 1991
Professor Fullerton joined the Materials Science Division at Argonne National Laboratory as a postdoctoral fellow and in 1993 became a staff scientist. In 1997 he joined the IBM Almaden Research Center where he worked until 2003 when he moved to Hitachi Global Storage Technologies as a Research Staff Member and Manager of the Fundamentals of Nanostructured Materials Group. In 2006 he joined the University of California, San Diego as a Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and NanoEngineering and holder of an Endowed Chair in the Center of Magnetic Recording Research.

Colin Jamora, Ph.D.,
Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, UC San Diego
UC San Diego, Biology, 2000
Dr. Jamora earned his Ph.D. at UC San Diego. He then carried out postdoctoral work at the University of Chicago and Rockefeller University as a fellow of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the Helen Hay Whitney Foundation. Dr. Jamora is one of a handful of biologists who are actually looking at the cellular basis of the complex developmental process of organogenesis.

Frank Nobiletti, Ph.D.
Lecturer, History Department, San Diego State University
UC San Diego, History, C. Phil.
Professor Nobiletti earned his BA from Columbia University before pursuing his graduate work at UCSD. Since then, he has pursued a career both as a teacher and as a community activist. As a teacher, he spent time here at UCSD, focusing his work on United States cultural history, before moving on to SDSU, where he has developed courses on “The History of Sexuality” and “Gay and Lesbian History and Culture”. A board member since 1990, he has served since 2006 as president of the Lambda Archives of San Diego, one of the nation’s largest collections of LGBT history.

Ramie Tateishi, Ph.D.
Lecturer, Literature Department, UC San Diego
UC San Diego, Literature, 2000
Dr. Tateishi earned his Ph.D. in Literature from the University of California San Diego, where he continues to teach courses on detective fiction, science fiction, issues in higher education, and arts and technology. He has written on various popular culture and film-related topics, and his most recent publication will be in the forthcoming Critical Filmographies of World Cinema series from Caboose Press. He has presented at various conferences and has served as an occasional guest on KPBS, San Diego’s NPR affiliate station.
Careers Beyond Academia for Humanities & Social Science Ph.D.s
Moderator: Andy Ceperley, M.A., Director, Career Services Center, UC San Diego

What’s it like working outside academe? How should you prepare? What skills and experiences are sought? Learn from this group of successful humanities and social Science Ph.D.s that successfully crossed over to the other side, and who are dedicated to helping others cross the divide.

FEATURING:
Julia Marciari Alexander, Ph.D.
Deputy Director for Curatorial Affairs, San Diego Museum of Art
Yale University, History of Art, 1999
Julia has been Deputy Director for Curatorial Affairs at the San Diego Museum of Art (SDMA) since July 2008. At SDMA she oversees all aspects of the curatorial and publications programs. Prior to taking her current position, she was Associate Director for Exhibitions and Publications at the Yale Center for British Art (YCBA), where she was, from 1997 to 2002 a curator in the Department of Paintings and Sculpture.

Margie Burton, Ph.D.
Research Director, San Diego Archaeological Center
UC San Diego, Archaeology, 2004
Margie has participated in archaeological field work in Israel and San Diego County, California and has been Research Director at the San Diego Archaeological Center since 2005. She is currently Principal Investigator for a National Science Foundation research project aimed at understanding hunter-gatherer grinding technology through experimentation. She has authored and coauthored articles published in edited volumes and scholarly journals including Radiocarbon, Journal of Field Archaeology, Nature, and Proceedings of the Society for California Archaeology. Her interests include social evolution and collapse, craft specialization, and prehistoric ceramic and ground stone technology and function in the southern Levant and southern California.

Mark Johnson, Ph.D.
Writer and Photographer, Ironsting Communications
Boston University, English, 1995
After working as a writer and photographer for companies and publications including VeloNews, Adventure Cycling, Microsoft, the San Diego Union-Tribune, and the San Diego Reader in the late 1980s and early 1990s, one of Mark Johnson’s writing contracts became a full-time writing and research post. During his 10 years doing human factors and usability research in the high tech industry, Mark continued to freelance as a commercial photographer and write for businesses and cycling and general interest publications. Today, Mark’s professional experience studying how humans perceive, process and respond helps him make influential photos and stories.

Susan Self, Ph.D.
Technical Writer, Qualcomm
UC San Diego, Literature
After receiving her Ph.D. in Comparative Literature, Susan Self took a part-time job writing software documentation for a consultant at a start-up software company. That worked out well, and the consultant helped her to get an entry-level position in the company. She learned the art of technical writing and more about computer science, programming languages, and software engineering through her eleven years at the company. Then she was swept away during Qualcomm’s hiring frenzy and made the switch to writing documentation in the telecom domain. After three years, she found herself in the sale of the network division to Ericsson, where she worked for six years until it closed the local office. Today she is back at Qualcomm in the semiconductor group helping to improve processes for technical publications and engineering. The sophisticated products created by the companies she has worked for have always provided challenges and opportunities for professional growth. She has found herself working with Ph.D.s and brilliant engineers as well as technical writers who are witty, literate, and interesting, well-rounded people.

Ryan Sullivan, Ph.D.
President and Chief Economist, Quant Economics
UC San Diego, Economics, 1998
Ryan Sullivan is the President and Chief Economist of Quant Economics. He is an expert in economics, finance, and statistics and applies his skills to strategic business decisions and expert witness analyses. The substance of Dr. Sullivan’s work encompasses three subject areas: intellectual property and technology, competition analysis, and quantitative analysis. While at UCSD, Dr. Sullivan used advanced statistical methods to evaluate econometric forecasting models.
Making the Most of Your Post Doc  
*Moderator: Scott Westenberger, Ph.D., UCLA, Postdoctoral Fellow and President of the Society of Fellows, The Scripps Research Institute*

A Postdoctoral stay can enhance your career in many ways. Based on their experiences, active postdoctoral scholars report what options in and beyond academia present themselves following their postdoctoral experience.

**FEATURETING:**

**Fabian V. Filipp, Ph.D.**  
Postdoctoral Fellow, UC San Diego  
EMBL Heidelberg and University of Heidelberg, Biochemistry and Biophysics, 2006  
Fabian V. Filipp is an EMBO Postdoctoral Fellow working on structural biology of protein-lipid interactions at the Center of NMR Spectroscopy at UC San Diego. After having earned his joint Ph.D. / Dr. rer. nat. degree at EMBL and the University of Heidelberg, Germany, he worked as a guest editor for EMBO reports, Nature Publishing Group. His ongoing engagement in scientific communication and academic outreach is reflected in numerous contributions to scientific journals and newsletters. Fabian organized an internationally renowned Ph.D. conference series, launched science writing competitions, and hosted workshops on biotechnology ethics. In 2008, he was elected president of the University of California Council of Postdoctoral Scholars, an umbrella organization overseeing more than 6000 postdoctoral scholars within the ten campuses of the UC system. In his function as mediator between postdoctoral scholars, administration, and faculty, Fabian continues to create a productive climate that enhances the postdoctoral experience in one of the largest research programs in the U.S.

**Dianna Maar, Ph.D.**  
Postdoctoral fellow, The Scripps Research Institute  
UC Los Angeles, Biology, 2000  
Dianna Maar is a biologist who studies sRNAs and translation in prokaryotes as a postdoc in the Neurobiology department at The Scripps Research Institute for the last two years. Before that she completed her doctoral thesis on antibiotic resistance mechanisms in prokaryotes at the University of California Los Angeles, where she also completed her Bachelor’s degree in Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics in the year 2000.

**Case McNamara, Ph.D.**  
Industrial Postdoctoral Fellow, The Genomics Institute of the Novartis Research Foundation  
UC San Diego, Chemistry and Biochemistry, 2006  
Dr. McNamara’s current professional path as an industrial post-doc began in 2007, as a post-doctoral fellow in the lab of Elizabeth Winzeler at The Genomics Institute of the Novartis Research Foundation. Case has spent the past 2+ years studying the pathogen Plasmodium falciparum, the causative agent of human malaria, with the main objective to assist in the drug discovery program geared at identifying the next generation of antimalarial drugs. This includes development of screening assays and working to discover the mechanism of action/resistance of lead compounds.

**Nerida G. Wilson,**  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego  
Centre for Marine Studies, University of Queensland, 2004  
Dr Wilson completed her undergraduate science degree from the University of Melbourne in Australia, and earned her honours and PhD degrees from the University of Queensland. She then carried out postdoctoral work at Auburn University and is now concluding another postdoc at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Her research focus is on marine invertebrate phylogeny, and examining gene flow between different populations of marine organisms (e.g. slugs, feather stars, fish). She has carried out extensive fieldwork, and served as an advisor for several graduate students.
Non-faculty Jobs in Academia
Moderator: Kathy Self, M.A., Advisor, Career Services Center, UC San Diego

Want to work in a university but not sure you want a tenure-track faculty position? Wonder what other kinds of positions in higher education might make good use of your skills and advanced degree? Come listen to university staff members describe their jobs in human subjects, communications, finance, diversity outreach, and beyond. Panelists will also share tips on how you can make yourself marketable for interesting higher education staff positions.

FEATUREING:

Thomas K. Brown, Ph.D.
Coordinator, UC San Diego McNair Program
UC San Diego, Anthropology, 2000

Tom Kingsley Brown earned a B.S. in Chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh before enrolling in the doctoral program in Chemistry at the California Institute of Technology, where he carried out research on the neurochemistry of learning and memory. He became a doctoral candidate before ultimately deciding to pursue another path, which turned out to be doctoral study in Anthropology at UCSD. For his doctoral research he studied conversion to new age religion. He was an adjunct faculty member at Cal State San Marcos prior to his current employment at UCSD. He lives with his wife and their two young boys.

Norienne Saign, Ph.D.
Assistant Director, Academic Affairs, Office of Graduate Studies, UC San Diego
UC San Diego, Literature, 1999

Dr. Saign started her career at UCSD as the Coordinator for the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program. McNair is a Ph.D. preparatory program for low-income, first-generation, and underrepresented undergraduates. Dr. Saign worked with the undergrads, helping them develop research skills by placing them with faculty to work on research projects; she also presented seminars on topics like writing skills and applying to graduate school. After 3 years she became the Assistant Director of AEP and McNair, overseeing the other 5 programs in AEP. In 2006 Dr. Saign became the Assistant Director of Academic Affairs in the Office of Graduate Studies. She oversees the academic progress of all graduate students, including time to degree, committee formation, probation issues, and the completion of degrees.

Patrick Velasquez, Ph.D.
Director, OASIS, UC San Diego
Claremont Graduate University, Higher Education, 1995

Dr. Velasquez earned his Bachelors (Social Work) and Masters (Education) degrees from the University of Nebraska. He later earned his Ph.D. in Higher Education Policy and Student Development from the Claremont Graduate School. Dr. Velasquez has been working at OASIS, UCSD’s learning center, since 1989. In addition to directing OASIS, he is a lecturer in UCSD’s Education Studies Program and Muir College’s Contemporary Issues Program. His research interests include campus climate and supportive institutional conditions for underrepresented students, ethnic identity, and learning communities.

Eboneye Williams, Ph.D.
Practicum Director, UC San Diego Sixth College
University of Washington, Chemical Engineering, 2003

Eboneye Williams earned her B.S. from Brown University and also earned a Masters in Industrial Business Management from Lille Business School in France. Dr. Williams takes pride in her ability to provide efficient solutions to complex problems. As a teacher, leader, and change agent she is actively engaged in both local and national communities in hopes of creating new opportunities. Eboneye enjoys outdoor activities, traveling the world, and socializing with friends over design shows like Project Runway.
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Peggy Wallace is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School and Boston University School of Law. Peggy has been a regional alumna interviewer for undergraduate admissions to Penn’s Wharton School for over 20 years. She is a member of the American Statistical Association, Association for Women in Science (AWIS) and the Western Association for College Admission Counseling.

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