Dear Colleagues,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Community Engaged Research Event on November 15th. A few highlights of the event included rich conversations and networking across investigators from **highly diverse**parts of campus all committed to community-engaged research and social impact; meaningful comments by VCR Yelick and AVC and Chief Innovation & Entrepreneurship Rich Lyons emphasizing the centrality of community-engaged research in our research mission and innovation; and Vice Provost for the Faculty Vicky Plaut’s explanation of Berkeley’s [guidelines](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mw48w9kF0tBRykwwIkzBqeTMf4Mm-xZP/view) for faculty evaluation that recognize diverse forms of community-engaged research and impact.

During our gathering, we had a chance to share information on specific areas of our work verbally and in this [downloadable pamphlet](https://i4y.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/ozer_lab_nov._15_convening_brochure.pdf) with links to resources and updates. We also identified those of you who want to give input in any of these domains. Please reach out to Emilly Ozer ([eozer@berkeley.edu](mailto:eozer@berkeley.edu)), cc’ing Marieka Schotland ([mschotland@berkeley.edu](mailto:mschotland@berkeley.edu)), if you didn’t attend and want to provide design input for next steps (e.g. to review and comment on products or design plans asynchronously or potentially meet).

Some next steps include….

* Continue to build out this network - please share about this work and encourage colleagues who want to be in the loop to complete the [**brief four-item form**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenOYLh4VbjrAbrr9kU6LymnpYFEO3BYzudxHpxJj4idpv9qw/viewform?usp=sf_link)
* Eliciting feedback on innovations to address community-engaged research pain points with IRB and financial systems (e.g. paying community partners). More to come on this.

Announcements:

* Emily Ozer will be presenting in a webinar this Monday hosted by Lead California on **February 5th at 11am PST / 2pm EST.** The session will explore findings from [a new white paper](https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/white-papers/2023/10/universities-take-promising-steps-to-reward-research-that-benefits-society)/national scan of promising reforms to faculty reward systems to recognize a wider range of scholarly contributions in P&T and merit evaluation. Please see the [flyer](https://fresnostate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lc-iqqzIiGt2LznSLLgEPiArT4VQ_xs7E#/registration) for more information and register if you'd like to attend.
* The [Latino Social Science Pipeline Initiative](https://lsspi.berkeley.edu/), a new program at UC Berkeley, is very interested in engaging with campus researchers who are working with, or who would like to work with, local Latinx-focused community-based organizations. If interested, please reach out to LSSPI program manager, Luis Javier Hernandez ([luis.hernandez@berkeley.edu](mailto:luis.hernandez@berkeley.edu)).
* [Teaching Towards Discovery Symposium: Student as Creator](https://events.berkeley.edu/bdiscovery/event/232370-teaching-towards-discovery-symposium-student-as): This half-day symposium will draw together faculty, students, and staff who are working on creative and high impact learning experiences (i.e., Discovery), both inside and outside the classroom. Utilizing the theme of Student as Creator, the day will begin with a student panel, followed by a panel of different case study projects, and conclude with a facilitated discussion with breakout groups. **February 23, 2024, 9am-1pm, Room 370, Dwinelle Hall.** Event is co-sponsored by the [Berkeley Discovery Initiative](https://discovery.berkeley.edu/) and the [Center for Teaching & Learning](https://teaching.berkeley.edu/). Thank you to the [Townsend Center for the Humanities](https://townsendcenter.berkeley.edu/) for the conference grant. Open to all UC Berkeley faculty, staff, and students. Free, breakfast and lunch included. RSVP via this [Google form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSclzYOrmMkYpRdjcp3ftER7qXe2kAGmgc746G3TF6YrwCRXIw/viewform?usp=sf_link) to secure your spot*.*

*Thanks on behalf of the Berkeley Institutional Change for Community Engaged Research Team*

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