



Wallace Marshall, PhD



Keith Yamamoto, PhD

2019 Commencement

Professor Wallace Marshall will be presented with the Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award at this year's Graduate Division Commencement Ceremony on June 5. Vice Chancellor Keith Yamamoto will deliver the Address to the Candidates.

Mentoring Matters

Graduate students have chosen Wallace Marshall, professor of biochemistry and biophysics, to receive this year's Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award. The Award will be presented to Dr. Marshall at the 2019 PhD and Master's [Commencement Ceremony](#) on June 5 at the Herbst Theater. Congratulations, Wallace, and thank you for your dedication to our students! We still have a few seats left if you'd like to attend as non-hooding faculty. [Contact Laura Nguyen](#) at Kennedy Events.

For the first time ever, the Graduate Division is honoring three graduate students and three postdocs who have provided practical advice, emotional support, and inspiration to their fellow students and trainees. Please be encouraged to come to a short [award ceremony and reception](#) (June 7, at 4 p.m., in the Genentech Hall atrium) honoring these dedicated individuals, who make UCSF a better place to study and work for all of us. The six winners of the inaugural [Dean's Awards for Excellence in Mentoring](#) are PhD students Francesca Aloisio, Adair Borges, Melissa Spear; and postdocs Jeremy Biane, Sara Rubin, and Erica Sanchez.

Bookmark It

The Graduate Division has launched a new student-oriented website at the same, familiar address, graduate.ucsf.edu. Some of the content aimed at faculty and staff has moved to a new home at GDFS.ucsf.edu – GDFS being an acronym for “Graduate Division faculty and staff.”

Things that both students and faculty/staff might need to see, e.g., [dissertation and thesis guidelines](#), [progression forms](#), the [policy on student progress](#), and information about [student financial support](#), still reside on the graduate.ucsf.edu site.

Things that are useful mainly to faculty and staff, e.g., [graduate program review](#) schedule and guidelines, [mentoring resources](#), information on [creating new programs](#), important items related to [postdoc union requirements](#), [recruitment of postdocs](#), and other items, were moved over to the GDFS site.

We will be further developing the [GDFS site](#) in particular throughout the year. Please [let us know what else you'd like to see](#) on this new site.

UCSF Grad Slam Champ Wins Big at UC Grad Slam

For the second time in a row, our UCSF campus Grad Slam champion has gone on to win 2nd place in the UC system-wide Grad Slam contest, held in May at LinkedIn headquarters in San Francisco. This year, it was MSTP/BMS student David Wu (mentor – Daniel Lim), who wowed the judges with his talk about a simple blood test for concussion. David's talk impressed us again this time around, but it was his lively banter with UC President Napolitano that stole the show. Listen to all ten talks – and the presidential chit-chat – on the [UC Grad Slam website](#).

Please encourage your students and postdocs to enter our "Slams" at UCSF. They represent an important opportunity for trainees to hone their communications skills and become better advocates for their research, *and for yours*. [Postdoc Slam](#) will return again this fall, and [Grad Slam](#), as ever, next spring.

Faculty Housing Opportunity

UCSF Housing Services has several [faculty units](#) available at Parnassus, Mission Bay, and The Tidelands.

The greatest benefit of living in campus housing is, of course, location. There are also no security deposits or application fees required, and rents are below San Francisco market rates. [Amenities vary](#) by location and unit.

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