



August 10, 2012

Dear New Student,

Welcome to the Department of Education! We hope you are enjoying the summer and looking forward to beginning your graduate program this fall. As department chair, I want to personally welcome you to UCSB, the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education and the Department. I look forward to meeting each of you or seeing you again if we've already had the opportunity to meet. Please feel free to stop by my office (3153 Education) or send an email ([betsy@education.ucsb.edu](mailto:betsy@education.ucsb.edu)) if you have any questions or just want to get acquainted. Dr. Jin Sook Lee is our Graduate Advisor and she is always willing to answer questions and chat. Her office is 3131 Education and her email address is [jslee@education.ucsb.edu](mailto:jslee@education.ucsb.edu).

This letter will give you some basic information for getting started at UCSB. Please read it carefully to find answers to some of your most pressing questions. Check out our new Facebook page at UCSBDepartmentOfEducation to learn about news and upcoming events.

### **Fall Course Enrollment**

Before you arrive in the fall, please take the opportunity to visit our website at <http://education.ucsb.edu/Graduate-Studies/Education/home.htm> to review your emphasis requirements and the Fall 2012 course offerings to begin planning your fall courses (<http://education.ucsb.edu/courses/catalog>). Normally students begin taking core course requirements and research methodology courses in their first year. Course enrollment for new students starts in early September. If you have questions, please contact your faculty advisor to clarify your first quarter options. Your advisor is the first point of contact whenever possible. In the event that you have difficulty reaching your advisor, please feel free to contact our program assistants, Nina Forte or Melissa Scheffler (805-893-4515). Instruction begins on Thursday, September 27.

General contact information for the GGSE is available at <http://education.ucsb.edu/Contact.html>. Faculty contact information is available on the faculty webpages (<http://education.ucsb.edu/Faculty-Research/Faculty-Listing/listing.php>) and staff contact information is posted on our website at <http://education.ucsb.edu/About/staff.htm>.

### **Fall Orientation and Reception**

On Wednesday September 26, 2012 we will be having the Department Orientation and Reception for all new students. This will take place from 3:30-5:30 pm in Education 1213. At the Orientation you will receive your student handbook, meet the faculty and staff in the Education Program and join the other new students in your emphasis in a small group meeting. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with people as well as to learn important information for a good start in our graduate program. If you miss Orientation, please stop by the Education Program Office (3102 Education) to pick up your handbook. Following this event, the Graduate Student Association in Education will be hosting an event for you as well starting at 5:30. Keep an eye out for their announcement.

### **Orientation Course for New Students**

The Department of Education will be offering a 2 unit course in fall quarter for new students to provide information on university resources, faculty research, academic expectations and other valuable topics. The course will feature guest speakers from important campus offices such as the Graduate Division, brief research talks by faculty and advanced graduate students and a chance to really get to know your entering cohort of fellow graduate students. The course number is ED253D-02, enrollment number 56945. The course will run from 2:30 to 4 pm on Mondays in 1203 Education. Please be sure to enroll in the course for two units ONLY with the S/U grading option. Dr. Yukari Okamoto and I will be co-teaching the course this year.

### **Technology Registration and Email Accounts**

Enclosed with the handbooks will be a Technology Registration Information letter from Bill Doering, Information Technology Group Director, providing you with your username and password for your department email account. As a Gevirtz Graduate School of Education (GGSE) student it is important to activate and use your Education email account as it is the main resource used by GGSE staff, faculty and students in providing valuable information such as course changes, campus deadlines, fellowship opportunities, in-house software workshops, housing opportunities, etc. Please follow the directions in Bill's letter so that you can get access to your email account and other technology resources. If you want to activate your email account sooner, please contact Nina Forte for information (nina@education.ucsb.edu, (805) 893-4515). You can stop by the Education Program Office (3102 Education) to pick up your Technology Registration Information letter before Orientation.

### **Campus Orientations**

In addition to our departmental orientation, UCSB has a variety of other events for new students. There is a campus orientation for all new graduate students on Wednesday, September 26 from 10:00-1:00 in Corwin Pavilion, with lunch provided. The International Student Orientation Program will be held Tuesday 9/18, 8:00-5:00 in Girvetz Hall, Room 1004. You must preregister through OISS using this link: <http://oiss.sa.ucsb.edu/orientationprefs/>. More information can be found on the website of the Office of International Students and Scholars website: <http://www.oiss.ucsb.edu/Students/Orientation.aspx>. The Graduate Division and Instructional Development conduct an Orientation Training for new Teaching Assistants that will take place on Tuesday 9/25 9:00-1:00 in Campbell Hall. More information can be found at <http://oic.id.ucsb.edu/ta-training-programs/ta-orientation>. Although the Department of Education has few TA positions, our students have had some success in obtaining positions in other departments on campus. So you might want to attend in preparation for whatever opportunities might arise.

### **California Residency**

Official California residents do not have to pay nonresident tuition. If you are not a California resident yet, but are a US citizen or permanent resident or have certain immigration statuses, please consult the Registrar's website (<http://www.registrar.ucsb.edu/>) for information on the process to establish California residency. The link (Residency) for this information is in the menu on the left side of the page. This process takes more than a year so it is important to begin it as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

*Betsy Brenner*

Mary Betsy Brenner, Department Chair