CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
DEADLINE: January 14, 2019

DESCRIPTION

The Martin Meyerson Berkeley Faculty Research Lectureship is the highest honor accorded to its members by the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate. The purpose of this award is twofold: to recognize representatives from our distinguished faculty whose research has changed the shape of their discipline, and to share their innovative work with the broader campus community and the public. The Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate selects two Faculty Research Lecturers per year—usually one in the sciences and one in the arts, humanities or social sciences. Each will give a public lecture hosted by the Chancellor.

The committee considers the academic quality of established research, the active and ongoing contributions of the nominees, especially those who have established new directions for scholarship, as well as the ability to translate their research into an accessible, engaging lecture. We seek nominations from every discipline, including the arts, humanities, social sciences, and sciences, as well as the professional schools. The Committee solicits your help in obtaining nominations for this prestigious recognition of exceptional scholarship.

The 2019 Lecturers are Jillian Banfield, professor in the Departments of Earth and Planetary Science/Environmental Science, Policy and Management/Materials Science and Resource Engineering; and Alison Gopnik, professor in the Department of Psychology.

A list of previous recipients is accessible from the following link: https://facultylectures.berkeley.edu/history/

CRITERIA

Nominees should be outstanding individuals, recognized as such among leaders of their respective disciplines both within the United States and internationally. We are committed to generating a fresh pool of nominees whose work reflects the range of scholarship so important to Berkeley’s academic profile. We therefore strongly encourage you to include in your considerations possible nominees from departments that have not
proposed candidates in recent years, and from new and non-traditional, multidisciplinary fields. It is especially important that the pool of nominees reflect the full diversity and strength of the Berkeley faculty, so we encourage you to consider the nomination of women and minority scholars from every field.

Thank you for helping us to ensure that the candidates we are privileged to review reflect the full range of Berkeley’s most outstanding scholars.

Please submit nominations by January 14, 2019, by online submission at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOVyyN37fovxkvhOKil0p1ub-gxiUTguZ8WrLE8fwWDTjG8w/viewform

or in hardcopy to:
Committee on Faculty Research Lecture
Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate
320 Stephens Hall #5842

The nomination must include the following materials. Please adhere to stated limits, and DO NOT submit additional letters of support:

- Cover letter of two pages maximum describing the nominee’s qualifications
- Current curriculum vitae
- Brief bibliography (limited to 10 items maximum)
- Two to three letters (a maximum of 2 pages each) from experts in the nominee’s field, both inside and outside of the campus community
- One or two examples of the nominee’s work (book, article, etc.) to illustrate its distinctive quality.

In the cover letter, please furnish information on originality, creativity, and specific evidence of the nominee’s influence on research in their field, including its impact on the directions of their discipline, on graduate students, and on the broader public.

The committee must choose from among candidates of widely varying disciplines. The clearer and more complete the profiles of the nominees—with special emphasis on how their contributions have made a difference—the easier, or at least less formidable, our task.

Nominees remain in consideration for three years. If appropriate, such submissions should be updated with any new or pertinent information since the original submission. One full cycle must pass before a nomination can be resubmitted.

Your help with this important work is deeply appreciated.

Inquiries regarding this message should be directed to acad_sen@berkeley.edu.