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# MENASA

Middle Eastern, North African, and South Asian  
Staff Organization

Dear MENASA community,

We will be sending monthly newsletters that will include variety of information such as upcoming events, career opportunities, professional and personal development opportunities and much more. If there is any specific content you would like us to include, please send your suggestions to [menasa@berkeley.edu](mailto:menasa@berkeley.edu). Thank you!

MENASA Leadership Team



# MENASA Events

## *The MENASA Mixer*

### **You're Invited!**

Want to meet other Middle East, North African, and South Asian staff and faculty members? This is the event you don't want to miss! You can swing by at any point during the event or stay the whole time and mingle with other MENASA members.

Please see the flyer for more details and RSVP through the bCal. If you have not received a bCal, please RVSP through [menasa@berkeley.edu](mailto:menasa@berkeley.edu). Refreshments will be provided.



## *Nowruz Celebration*

**March 20th, Tilden Room**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

Join us for for Nowruz celebration tentatively scheduled for March 20th. Stay tuned as more details will come soon.



# ***MENASA Spotlight***



## **Tanya Koroyan**

**Tanya Koroyan (she/her) is an Assistant Director for Residential Life and has been at Cal since 2016. Tanya is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Education at the University of San Francisco.**

**Tanya is of Armenian descent, and some of her favorite traditions are attending Armenian festivals, playing backgammon with her dad, and enjoying Armenian dishes such as Pastitsio (pasta bake) and Lahmajoun (Armenian pizza). Tanya aspires to be more fluent in the Armenian language and build more connections within the MENASA community here at UC Berkeley.**

## ***Nominations***

**Do you want to get featured on our next newsletter?**

Please send us a photo(s), short bio (100 words), and your favorite traditions. For any further suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out directly to us at [menasa@berkeley.edu](mailto:menasa@berkeley.edu).



# Recognition & Awards

## APASA Exceptional Professional Award ('23-'24)

**Deadline February 5th at 5pm**

The award recipients will receive a \$200 stipend presented at the annual APASA Lunar New Year & Spring Celebration event, which will be held in-person on Tuesday, February 20 (more details to come). For questions, please contact Phuong Tang, APASA Membership & Assessment Chair at [pntang@berkeley.edu](mailto:pntang@berkeley.edu).

## APASA Sunny Low Award ('23-'24)

**Deadline February 5th at 5pm**

The award recipient will receive a \$400 stipend will also be presented at the annual APASA Lunar New Year & Spring Celebration event. The stipend has been made possible by the generous donation from Mabel Low, wife of Sunny Low and also a former staff and APASA member of UC Berkeley. For questions, please contact Phuong Tang at [pntang@berkeley.edu](mailto:pntang@berkeley.edu).

## Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Award (2024)

**Deadline February 28th at 5pm**

COSAs are presented to individual staff members and staff teams who demonstrate exceptional initiative to create significant positive impact on the UC Berkeley campus community. Nominations must be for work performed within the last three years.

Applications can be found by scanning the QR codes.



# Message from Chancellor

## Call for Proposals to Address Bias, Bigotry, and Discrimination

### Message from the chancellor

The UC Office of the President is providing one-time resources to UC campuses to address bias, bigotry and discrimination at the university. The Chancellor's Office is issuing this call for proposals to seek your engagement and innovative ideas to address the timely and critical issues facing our campus.

Application details and deadline: Proposals are welcome from campus faculty, staff, and students and must be submitted using the [proposal form](#) and [budget template](#) (\$5-50k requests). For detailed information on eligibility, funding, criteria, and the review process, [please visit our website](#). There are also mini-grants available via this [form](#) (under \$2k). The deadline to apply is Feb. 16, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. More info on both these grants at <https://chancellor.berkeley.edu/addressing-bias-and-bigotry-call-campus-proposals>.

#### Optional information sessions

The Chancellor's Office will hold two information sessions for potential applicants:

- Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, 4-5 p.m. ([Zoom link](#))
- Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024, 4-5 p.m. ([Zoom link](#))

If you have questions about this process, please contact the Chancellor at [chancellor@berkeley.edu](mailto:chancellor@berkeley.edu).



# Other Events

## ***Despite Obfuscation and Orientalism: Palestine in Modern History***

**February 6th at 4pm**

A lecture by Dr. Ussama Makdisi (UCB History) moderated by Dr. Samera Esmeir (UCB Rhetoric), part of the “Let’s Talk about Palestine” series.

- Location: The Maude Fife Room (315 Wheeler Hall)
- Livestreaming at: [www.youtube.com/@UCBMELC](http://www.youtube.com/@UCBMELC)

## **Tahrir’s Youth: Leaders of a Leaderless Revolution**

**February 7th at 4pm**

In this talk, Rasha Latif will discuss her new book, *Tahrir’s Youth: Leaders of a Leaderless Revolution*, an activist ethnography that focuses on the themes of leadership and organization in the 2011 Egyptian revolution. Following the trajectory of the movement from the perspective of the Revolutionary Youth Coalition (RYC), the first and arguably most significant front born of the nationwide revolt, the presentation will challenge the notion that this was a purely spontaneous and leaderless uprising and highlight critical learnings from the protagonists behind this historic movement—lessons that would be missed if we accept this narrative without question.

- Location: Center for Middle Eastern Studies

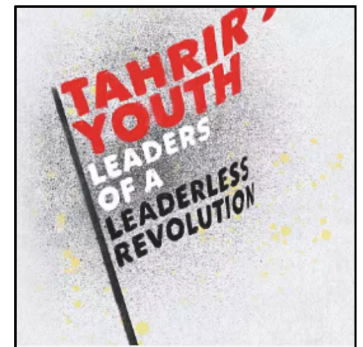
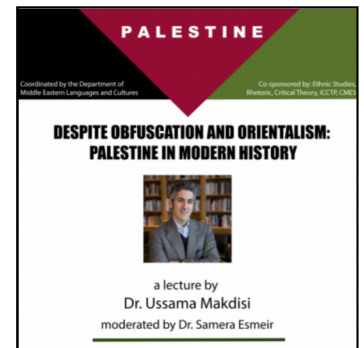
## **Reorienting American Theater: A reading and Q&A with Palestinian American playwright Betty Shamieh**

**February 15th, 4-5:30pm**

Join the Department of Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies for a visit with playwright Betty Shamieh (*Malvolio*, *The Black Eyed*). She will read excerpts from her plays and participate in an open Q&A.

- Location: Dwinelle Hall, room 370

For more details on the above events and other upcoming events, visit the Center for Middle Eastern Studies here: <https://events.berkeley.edu/cmesc>



# Career Opportunities

Job ID#	Department	Position	Salary/Hourly	Internal Candidate Link
63493	University Health Services	Primary Care Nursing Manager II	\$120,000-\$175,000	<a href="https://bit.ly/3vGuP">https://bit.ly/3vGuP</a>
63487	University Health Services	Cal Sports Medicine	\$41.75 - \$46.17	<a href="https://bit.ly/3vGuP5x5x">https://bit.ly/3vGuP5x5x</a>
57430	CEP Puente Project	Puente Community College Trainer	\$77,600 - \$140,400	<a href="https://bit.ly/3vGuP5x">https://bit.ly/3vGuP5x</a>
63739	Student Affairs	Divisional Chief Financial Officer	\$192,000 - \$221,100	<a href="https://bit.ly/3vGuP5x">https://bit.ly/3vGuP5x</a>
63435	University Development and Alumni Relations	Associate Director of Strategic Advancement & Stewardship	\$110,000 - \$130,000	<a href="https://bit.ly/3vGuP5x">https://bit.ly/3vGuP5x</a>

## Career Advancement & Personal Development

### ***BCORE Spring 2024***

**Deadline February 26th**

The Office of DEIB is accepting applications for the spring 2024 cohort of the Berkeley Career Opportunity and Resources for Equity Program (BCORE). BCORE is a semester-long, interactive, and community oriented experience for a cohort of staff employees interested in upward career advancement. Please scan the QR code for more information on program details and outcomes, syllabus, and the application.

### **Wellbeing Workshop Series**

**YWCA Berkeley/Oakland**

The Wellness curriculum features activities, presentations, and more to engage your members with resources and practices to incorporate well-being into your lives with the goal of balance among the personal, workplace, and academic space. The goal of this training is to create a safe group space where participants are able to reflect deeply, find new approaches to well-being, and discuss their hopes regarding their own well-being, which is key for stable and sustainable happiness. Start the year on a balanced note! If you are interested in participating, please email [menasa@berkeley.edu](mailto:menasa@berkeley.edu). For more information about the program, please visit their website at <https://www.ywca-berkeley.org/>

