Name of event: Non Academic Career Panel  
Date: Thursday November 3, 2011  
Place: Women's Center Conference Room  
Time: 6:00 PM

Karla Blancas graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara with Degrees in History and Women's Studies in 2006. She worked at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum as the Curatorial and Exhibitions Assistant for 3 years before moving to New York for graduate school. She received her Master's Degree in Museum Studies from New York University in 2010. And worked at New York Public Library and the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust. Currently she is working at the Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum as the Curatorial and Development Associate.

Arica Lubin received her B.S. and Ph.D. in Biochemistry from UCSB. Studying with Prof. Kevin Plaxco, her Ph.D. work focused on the development of electrochemical DNA sensors (E-DNA) for use on portable devices to detect biological materials in a variety of applications from clinical diagnosis to material authentication. She joined the Center for Science and Engineering Partnerships (CSEP) in 2010 and is currently the Undergraduate and Graduate Program Coordinator where she runs undergraduate research and graduate student professional development programs.

Meredith Murr is the Director of Research Development in the Office of Research at UCSB. In this role she assists faculty to obtain extramural funding to support their research programs. She is a chemist turned biologist, with a masters in organic chemistry from University of Texas Austin and a PhD in Molecular Cellular and Developmental Biology from UCSB. In the Fall of 2005 Meredith was a Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Fellow at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington DC. Prior to joining the Office of Research she focused on science education and outreach as the Assistant Director for Higher Education for the Center for Science and Engineering Partnerships.

Dr. Deborah C. Schiller earned a B.A. in English Literature at Pomona College. Her first post-college job was teaching at a prison camp for incarcerated undocumented immigrants. She then taught English, math, anthropology and women's studies at Windward School in L.A. After earning an MA in Writing, she collaborated with an Academy Award-winning screenwriter on a screenplay which they were unable to sell. After earning a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, she was Clinical Supervisor at UCSB for the Family Thriving Program, focusing on preventing child abuse. She is a licensed psychologist, in private practice. Her interests include helping women form
healthy relationships with their mothers and children, couples, and the concerns of artists. She is currently writing a book.

Dr. Gloria J. Willingham earned a Bachelor’s degree from Regents’ College, University of the State of New York; a Master’s Degree (MNSc) from the University of Arkansas Medical Science Campus; and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Education from Claremont Graduate University. She is a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from Claremont Graduate University, and a member of the Claremont Alumni Hall of Fame. After multiple successful careers spanning executive level leadership in the Department of Veterans Affairs, The US Army Reserve School Systems (ascending to the rank of Lt. Colonel), international organizations, nonprofit organizations, educational organizations, grassroots organizing, and community leadership, she transitioned to senior level leadership in colleges and universities. Most recently she was the Interim Provost/Senior Vice-President at Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara, California.

Emily White earned a Masters of Science in Career and College Counseling from San Francisco State University and a Bachelors of Science in Speech and Language Impairment from Eastern Michigan University. She is currently a Career Counselor at UCSB Career Services and has held this position for just over a year. Before coming to UCSB, she worked at both the College of San Mateo and San Francisco State University, spent 7 years in restaurant management, and 3 years in college admissions.