

**From:** Vice Chancellor & Dean, Claudia Mitchell-Kernan  
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## **UCLA** *Graduate Division*

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I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Samuel Bersola as the new Assistant Vice Chancellor of Graduate Studies, effective July 31, 2008. Dr. Bersola received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from UC Berkeley, his Ed.M. in Administration, Planning and Social Policy from Harvard University and his Ph.D. in Educational Administration and Policy Analysis from Stanford University. He has 17 years of experience in higher education administration and has held positions in all four sectors of California's post secondary education system. Most recently, he served as Executive Director of Residential, Family, and Program Services, Chief Operations Officer at the University of California, Santa Cruz. His experience also includes positions as the Vice President of Student Services and Dean of Admissions and Records/Student Support Services at a California Community College and as Assistant Dean of Admission at Amherst College in Massachusetts.

As Assistant Vice Chancellor, Sam serves as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer for the Division of Graduate Programs. He supports the Vice Chancellor/Dean in the implementation of policies governing graduate education at UCLA, and oversees the management of all functions that support the administrative, regulatory, and programmatic functions of the Division. This includes consultative, coordinative and liaison activities with the Deans and Chairpersons in the College of Letters and Science and UCLA's thirteen professional schools, as well as with the Deans of Graduate Divisions on each of the eight other UC campuses and with the Office of the President.

I hope you will join me in welcoming Sam Bersola to his new post. I am confident that you will find him thoughtful, resourceful, and collegial and an exceptionally able administrator.

Sincerely,

***Claudia Mitchell-Kernan***  
Vice Chancellor Graduate Studies  
Dean Graduate Division