

# Political Life @Berkeley: Conversations Across The Divides

Saturday, April 16th | 11am – 12:15pm

Alumni House, Toll Room



**TJ Grayson**  
*Political Director of the  
Cal Berkeley Democrats*



**Kerida Moates**  
*President of the Berkeley  
College Republicans*



**Marium Navid**  
*External Affairs Vice  
President of ASUC*

*with Professor Alan Ross, Business and Political Science  
Moderated by Richard "Dick" Beahrs ('68), former ASUC President*

Join us for a multi-partisan discussion  
about UC Berkeley's culture of free  
expression, political debate, politics in  
the classroom and how students can get  
involved.

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# Speaker Biographies

## **TJ Grayson**

TJ is a fourth year Political Science major and public policy minor from Petaluma, California. As a transfer from Lehigh University, he immediately jumped into political life at UC Berkeley. While he has been interested in politics for some time his passion was sparked after serving on the board of his local ACLU at 18. He went on to conduct research on the importance of race and gender in elections here at Berkeley, intern at the Equal Justice Society and work on public policy issues with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington D.C. On campus, he is also involved in Lobby Corps, part of the ASUC where he has lobbied on every level of government in order to advocate on behalf of students. This year, he is excited to get Cal Dems politically active and expand its role as a progressive voice on campus.

## **Kerida Moates**

Kerida is a third year history major from Ukiah, California. Though she grew up in a left-leaning environment, Kerida was drawn to the values of fiscal responsibility and limited government. She joined the Berkeley College Republicans in her first week as a freshman at Cal, and now serves as president of the organization. Kerida also serves as the Bay Area Region Vice Chair, and is currently running for administrative vice chair for the California College Republicans, an organization aimed at growing the Republican party and getting Republicans elected.

## **Marium Navid**

Marium is a fourth year student studying Molecular & Cell Biology and Near Eastern Studies, and minoring in Global Poverty & Practice. She is the External Affairs Vice President (EAVP) for the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) and served as a student senator the year prior. Marium's platforms as EAVP include ensuring safe and affordable housing in Berkeley, holding the UC Board of Regents accountable through discussions on tuition hikes, addressing the lack of resources for students, and bridging the education divide that students from underserved communities face. Marium has served as Chair for the Middle Eastern Muslim and South Asian Coalition, and sits on the UC of CA Student Association board. She is also a frequent contributor to the Daily Californian, writing op-ed pieces ranging from mental health to last year's controversy surrounding Bill Maher at the Cal commencement ceremony.



## **Alan Ross**

Alan Ross has been a lecturer at UC Berkeley for over 20 years, teaching courses in undergraduate business administration and political science. He received his Bachelor's degree at UC Berkeley and Juris Doctor degree at UC Davis. When he was a Cal undergrad, Alan created Poli Sci 179, a popular course that features a prominent guest speaker every week to discuss current events. Speakers have included former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the late civil rights activist Cesar Chavez. In 2005 and 2013, Professor Ross received the Earl F. Cheit Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Haas School of Business.



## **Richard Beahrs**

Richard "Dick" Beahrs, BA '68 was a history major and served as ASUC President at Cal. He is currently a UC Berkeley Foundation Trustee and a member of the Center's Advisory Board. Now retired, he spent 35 years as a Media Executive at Time Warner, where his positions included the Presidencies of Comedy Central and Court TV. In 2003 he received the cable television industry's highest award for public affairs for his development of the Choices and Consequences initiative which uses live television events, local town meetings, the Internet, and classroom materials to enhance the decision-making skills of teens and young adults.

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