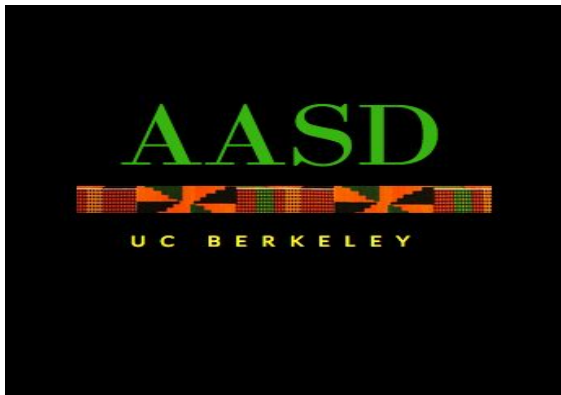


African American Student Development and EOP announce the hiring of Gregory Mitchell



Dear Black at Cal Community Members and Partners,

We are truly excited to welcome Gregory Mitchell to the UC Berkeley campus and to the Black community to be our first professional staff member hired to the African American Initiative Scholars Program. This is a historic position in a partnership between EOP and African American Student Development. In his role as AAI/EOP Academic Counselor, Gregory will lead the African American Initiative Scholars Program in counseling, programming and AAI Scholar development which will include a team of AAI/EOP student academic counselors and student program leaders.

Gregory is a graduate of Berkeley High School, completed his undergraduate degree in American Studies at UC Santa Cruz and received his MA in Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University. Gregory has ten years of counseling, organizing and administrative experience working directly with men, women, and gender non-conforming persons across race, sexual orientation, class background, age, religion, and nationality in diverse urban environments. He also has facilitated mindfulness, emotional awareness and intelligence, and substance abuse training within juvenile detention centers, continuation schools, community organizations, and university settings.

Before joining UC Berkeley's AAI/EOP Team, Gregory was an Academic Counselor/Retention Specialist at San Francisco State University where he was an academic counselor for the centralized advising center on campus, the College of Ethnic Studies and the Graduate School of Education. Gregory is also an organizer and an integral part of the Black Liberation Community Development Group. We are so excited for this historic moment for the Black Community. Please join us at AAI, AASD, EOP and E&I in welcoming Gregory to the Black Community and the UC Berkeley Community.

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