

Sheila M. Humphreys, Ph.D.

Sheila Humphreys has worked for equity and inclusion programs on the Berkeley campus since 1979. She initiated programs from pre-college through graduate and reentry levels, to increase and sustain diversity, mostly in the College of Engineering. Since her retirement from the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences in 2015, Dr. Humphreys has remained an active and engaged Emerita academic staff member in the engineering community. She serves as a graduate school mentor for the Cal NERDS program (for first generation and underrepresented Berkeley undergraduates), and is on the Advisory Board of The Bancroft Library and of Upward Bound. She is presently writing an essay tracing diversity through the perspective of Berkeley engineering. Most important, she very enthusiastically supports the Bancroft Library.

Dr. Humphreys's contributions on behalf of women and underrepresented minority students at Berkeley have been recognized with several national honors. The Computer Research Association honored her in 1999 with The A. Nico Habermann Award, in recognition of her sustained mentoring and advocacy of underrepresented groups in computer science and engineering. In 2015, she received the **Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring Award** (<http://paesmem.net/node/1338>) from President Barack Obama.

From UC Berkeley, Dr. Humphreys earned the Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Award in April 2010 for service to students. In 2015, Sheila received **The Berkeley Citation**, given to individuals "whose contributions to UC Berkeley go beyond the call of duty and whose achievements exceed the standards of excellence in their fields."

Her first position was Associate Director of the Center for Continuing Education-Women's Center, directed by Margaret Wilkerson, where she worked on increasing access to UC Berkeley for women older than traditional undergraduates. In 1985, Humphreys was appointed by Karl S. Pister, Dean of Engineering, as the first academic director of graduate outreach with responsibility for starting a graduate minority program in engineering. Her most recent position was Director of Diversity in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department, College of Engineering. She has published many articles on the topic of women and minorities in engineering.

She is a graduate of Smith College (1963) and Tufts University (1973).