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## From the Integrative Biology Co-Chairs

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It has been an eventful year (and a half) as Co-Chairs of Integrative Biology. We took on this role as Berkeley was beginning to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic – students were returning to campus, instruction was again being offered in person, and we were all readjusting to life with more social interaction. That transition has proven to be more challenging than expected and we continue to work to rebuild the relationships and community that existed prior to the spring of 2020. It has been great to see so many members of the department back in VLSB and we will continue to promote opportunities for members of IB to interact with each other.

One of the most important changes that occurred during the past year was the appointment of tyrone as Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging. Although this means that he will no longer serve as Co-Chair for IB, this is a critical opportunity for tyrone to expand the scope and impact of his efforts to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion at Berkeley. Eileen will continue as Co-Chair – in January 2023, she will be joined by new Co-Chair Professor Mike Boots.

We view these changes as a natural extension of IB's efforts to make biology accessible to all interested students and Eileen and Mike look forward to continuing to work closely with tyrone in his new role on campus.

As this calendar year draws to a close, we want to thank our many colleagues in IB – faculty, staff, postdoctoral scholars, graduate students, and undergraduates – for their hard work on behalf of our shared vision of a vibrant community of scholars dedicated to improving understanding of the natural world.

Best wishes for a fulfilling 2023.

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