

The Fight Against Privatization...

Are you dismayed at growing privatization of UC-Berkeley?

- * at the abandonment of California's 1960 Master Plan for Higher Education, which guaranteed tuition-free higher education to all academically qualified Californians?
- * at the shift toward a UC-Berkeley which students can access only through parental support, extra-curricular jobs, private largesse, or crippling debt?
- * at unfettered, publicly available, intellectually motivated research going underfunded while deals are made to support research useful to private corporations like BP?
- * at the sale of beautiful, historic Doe Library, because UC-Berkeley needs cash, the library would make a great hotel, and nobody needs books now that everything's online?



No, wait! Doe Library isn't for sale. Not yet, anyway. But another building that is part of another venerable public institution is:

...Berkeley's beautiful, historic, downtown Post Office!

These dismaying developments are profoundly connected. Privatization is affecting us all, through our schools, universities, transit, parks, prisons, you name it, as well as through our Constitutionally established U.S. Post Office. Our Commons is being sold for private profit, union-busting and cash needed to pay off Wall Street bankers who created debt which is then claimed as the reason our Commons must be sold. Democracy is obliterated by plutocracy. Berkeley's City Council **unanimously** opposes the sale of our Post Office, but their position and alternatives are simply ignored.

In Berkeley we are fighting back!

We have been encamped in a valiant defense of our public building and the public service it provides since July 27, 2013. We have resolved not to leave by choice until USPS agrees not to sell the building.



Please come by and learn more!

Bring your friends, and bring your professors. Bring your curiosity, intellect, talents, expertise, and energy. Bring ideas for teach-ins on related issues in art, architecture, history, political science, journalism, mass communications and more. Public assemblies take place every night at 6:00 p.m. on the steps of the Post Office at 2000 Allston Way, one block west of the downtown Berkeley BART station.

Check out articles at

Daily Cal: <http://tinyurl.com/lda9lux>
The Nation: <http://tinyurl.com/m24f9e6>
Daily Kos: <http://tinyurl.com/kew8lav>

...the Saving of Our Public Commons!

The Berkeley Post Office Defense Was Raided by BPD Wed. Aug. 28

...but we will not leave our
Post Office undefended!

Save Our Post Office



Rally * Press Conference * Music

Saturday, August 31, 2013

11:30 a.m. Press Conference

**12:00 p.m. Music with Anne Feeney on Solidarity Tour
...and more**

**Afterwards: Teach-In on the Postal Worker Strike of 1970
and other USPS economic and labor related issues...**

SPECIAL EVENT

**Please join us for the semester's first
Evening Talk at the Post Office**

Tuesday, September 3, 2013 7:00 pm

**The Post Office and Public
Life in American History**

at Berkeley's Main Post Office * 2000 Allston Way