UCS 10th Anniversary

“Public Higher Education, Income Inequality, and the Future of America”

with

Robert Birgeneau

Silverman Professor of Physics, MSE and Public Policy & Former UC Berkeley Chancellor

Former UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert Birgeneau will help the UC Center celebrate its 10th Anniversary with a talk on the role of the public university.

An internationally distinguished physicist, Robert J. Birgeneau is a leader in higher education and is well known for his commitment to diversity and equity in the academic community. He became the ninth chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley, on September 22, 2004, and served in this capacity for nearly nine years, successfully advancing a vision of “Access and Excellence” until stepping down at the end of May, 2013.

Before Berkeley, Birgeneau served four years as president of the University of Toronto. He previously was Dean of the School of Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he spent 25 years on the faculty. He is a fellow of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, the Royal Society of London, the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and other scholarly societies. He has received many awards for teaching and for his research on the fundamental properties of materials.

Robert J. Birgeneau remains on the UC Berkeley campus as a member of its faculty in the Departments of Physics and Materials Science and Engineering. Birgeneau is also the leader of the Lincoln Project, an initiative of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences both to advocate for the importance of public colleges and universities and to devise strategies to reverse the progressive disinvestment in public higher education by government.