

Bio of Patti Owen

I am a 1973 graduate of UC Santa Barbara, with a degree in French Literature. I spent my Junior year abroad in Bordeaux with the UC Education Abroad Program, where I met my husband (a grad of UC Irvine). I received an elementary teaching credential from UCSB in 1974, at which point, I moved to Berkeley with my husband so he could pursue a PhD. Since teaching jobs were few and far between, I accepted a job in the Academic Personnel Office in 1975. In 1978-79, I took a year off so my husband could conduct research in Paris. Upon my return to Berkeley, I was hired in the Engineering Dean's Office supporting both the academic and staff personnel functions. In 1989, I accepted a position at UCOP in Academic Affairs, where I served for 4 ½ years as the Coordinator of Academic Compensation. In Fall 1993, I returned to campus as the Director of Academic Personnel. I retired in June 2009 as the Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Personnel and was rehired for a 2 year period to work on APBears (Academic Personnel Berkeley Electronic Achievement and Review System). For the period 2011-2016, I served as the Coordinator for NorCal HERC (Higher Education Recruitment Consortium), an organization with 40 member institutions. In 2010, I was asked to serve on the Advisory Board for the Berkeley Retirement Center and served as its Chair for 5 years. I joined the UCRA Board in 2016 and currently serve as President.

In my retirement, I spend my time traveling (mostly visiting the grandkids in Texas), quilting/sewing, and taking care of my health. I belong to Stitchin' for Kids which donates handmade toys to local children's hospitals to be distributed to children with long stretches of hospitalizations ahead of them