

BERKELEY CENTER ON COMPARATIVE EQUALITY AND ANTIDISCRIMINATION LAW DISABILITY RIGHTS WORKING GROUP

Call for Abstracts for the Papers to be Presented at the Online Seminar to be held in October 2025

The seminar focuses on policies and good practices which universities are adopting to become more inclusive of staff with disabilities, as well as related academic research.

A selection of the authors will be invited to submit chapters to the book **Disability Rights in Higher Education: Universities as Disability Champions of Change** (Routledge) edited by Professor Paul Harpur, the University of Queensland, to be published in 2026.

The goal of the seminar is to:

- Focus on actual policies, actions and good practice at universities (and other higher education institutions), which make the institution more inclusive for staff with disabilities.
- Understanding how those polices, actions and good practice came into being, including the role played by staff with disabilities in lobbying, drafting and implementation.
- Promoting peer to peer learning which can be used to empower and inspire participants to take action at their own academic institution.
- Legal obligations, whether at UN, regional or national level are not the focus as such, but they may relate to the good practice.

We invite proposals for papers for the conference to be submitted to Brittany Postle (postleb@berkeley.edu) and Rachel Weissman (rachelweissman@berkeley.edu) by **May 15, 2025.**

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