

Biographical Information for Gerry Braun  
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Until his retirement from the University of California in 2012, Gerry served as founding director of the California Renewable Energy Center. Prior to that he was on loan to the California Energy Commission where he implemented new priorities for California's renewable energy research, including enhanced research support for community scale renewable energy deployment.



Gerry's work at UC motivated creation of The IRES Network (IRESN). IRESN is a "clean energy" nexus, informing integrated local energy decision-making. It's primary theme is renewable integration. Gerry leads IRESN and is also a founding member of the Solar Circle and currently serves as Chairman of the Gas Technology Institute's Public Interest Advisory Committee.

Gerry's knowledge of energy markets, electricity systems and clean energy supply technologies is rooted in his work over the years with leading firms and agencies such as Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Bechtel, Southern California Edison Company, BP Solar, Standard Solar, the US Department of Energy and the California Energy Commission. He organized and managed important and continuing US and California energy R&D programs and also held senior executive, marketing and business development roles in global and local solar companies.

Gerry holds a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan and graduate degrees in nuclear engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.