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Sociologist Hugh "Bud" Mehan, a well-known authority on educational issues, has been appointed as the director of CREATE (Center for Research in Educational Equity, Assessment, and Teaching Excellence), at the University of California, San Diego. As director of CREATE, Mehan will oversee UCSD's K-12 partnership programs as well as provide leadership on new outreach endeavors.

Mehan, a professor of sociology at UCSD and the director of the university's Teacher Education Program, has written extensively on educational issues, especially educational achievement among low-income and minority students. He recently completed a study for UCSD's San Diego Dialogue which found that achievement levels in San Diego high schools parallel the economic well-being of the student body. Last year Mehan was named as a member of the prestigious National Academy of Education, which promotes scholarly inquiry and discussion concerning education. He is one of only seven members of the UC faculty to receive this distinction.

At UCSD, Mehan is known for his exceptional teaching and administrative abilities, as well as for his scholarship. In 1997, he received the UCSD Academic Senate's Distinguished Teaching Award. In addition to serving as director of the Teacher Education Program, Mehan served on the university's K-12 Task Force which led to the establishment of CREATE and was one of the chief architects of the Preuss School, UCSD's new charter school. During the nationwide search for CREATE's director, Mehan also served as the interim associate director of CREATE.

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