

Dr. Mary L. Walshok named dean of University Extension

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Dr. Mary L. Walshok, associate dean of University Extension at the University of California, San Diego for the past three years, has been named dean of University Extension on the San Diego campus.

The appointment was announced Monday, November 24, by UC San Diego Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson and Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs John W. Miles. The appointment is effective January 1, 1981.

She replaces Dr. Martin N. Chamberlain who will retire after serving as dean for 15 years. Walshok, who holds a Ph.D. in sociology from Indiana University, has been associated with University Extension at UC San Diego since 1972 when she was named director of women's programs.

She has also served as director of Extension's arts and science programs, as assistant dean for academic programs, and as director of a project on working women that was funded by the National Institute of Mental Health.

"We are delighted to be able to announce the appointment of someone with the background, experience and qualifications of Mary Walshok as the new dean of University Extension," Atkinson said. "Extension will continue to play an important role in the educational opportunities we provide for the community. Under Dr. Walshok's direction it will be possible to expand and enhance those opportunities."

University Extension is a self-supporting system through which UC San Diego helps to meet the educational needs of the community by offering courses ranging from business and scientific to those in the arts and humanities. Current enrollment is approximately 40,000 students.

Walshok is an authority on the status of women in the working force and especially the integration of women into blue-collar jobs. She has served as a consultant to the General Motors Corporation, the San Diego Police Department and the United States Navy in dealing with the problems associated with the assimilation of women into nontraditional blue-collar jobs. She has written a number of articles and reviews on the roles of working women and a book, titled "Invisible Worlds of Work: Women in Skilled and Semi-Skilled Occupations," scheduled to be published by Anchor, Doubleday in 1981.

She has given public speeches and lectures and served on radio and television talk shows throughout California and the United States on women's changing roles, family, sexuality and work.

Walshok received a B.A. degree from Pomona College in 1964 and a M.A. degree in sociology from Indiana University in 1966. She served as a research fellow in the Institute for Sex Research and as a teaching associate in the Department of Sociology at Indiana University and as an assistant professor of sociology at California State University, Fullerton before moving to San Diego.

In 1978, she served as a delegate to the leadership training program for women in higher education administration sponsored by the American Council on Education. She has also served on the advisory board for the Battered Women's Coalition of San Diego County, the education advisory committee for Planned Parenthood,

and the advisory commission on the status of women for the City of San Diego. She currently serves as a member of the mayor's commission on crime control for the City of San Diego.

Walshok is a member of the American Sociological Association, the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Sociologists for Women in Society and the National University Extension Association.

She is married to Dr. Marco Walshok, an assistant professor of public administration and urban studies at San Diego State University. They have one son, Colin, age 4.

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