

## UC Board of Regents approve establishment of Valtz Family Chair in Philosophy at UCSD

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### REGENTS APPROVE ENDOWED CHAIR OF PHILOSOPHY FOR UCSD

The University of California Board of Regents today approved the establishment of the Valtz Family Chair in Philosophy at the University of California, San Diego. The chair will be funded with a \$250,000 endowment gift from Robert C. K. Valtz and his wife, Marie-Claire A. Valtz, formerly of La Jolla, who maintain residences in Britain and France.

"The endowment of the Valtz Family Chair at the university will be an enduring legacy to the campus and community," said UCSD Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson.

The Valtzes became involved with UCSD while Mrs. Valtz was a graduate student in the Department of Psychology. "When we decided to move from the San Diego area, we wanted to leave a tangible thank you to the community here," Mr. Valtz explained. "We thought to do this by helping to strengthen the university's humanities program."

Expressing his appreciation for the unrestricted gift, Paul Churchland, chairperson of the Department of Philosophy, commented, "This endowment will greatly assist UCSD in its development of one of the world's premier graduate programs in philosophy. The Valtz chair will make possible the addition of a distinguished senior scholar--probably in the field of Moral Theory--to complement the department's existing strengths in history, the philosophy of science, and the philosophy of mind."

Robert Valtz is chairman of Frame-n-Lens, a prescription eyeglass company with headquarters in Santa Fe Springs, California. His undergraduate and MBA degrees were obtained at Harvard. Formerly a senior civil servant in the Department of Defense and the World Bank, he later managed several companies for Litton Industries. Since the mid-1970s he has been an entrepreneur and private investor.

Mrs. Valtz, who is her husband's business partner, holds master's degrees in English and psychology from the Sorbonne and a master's degree in psychology from UCSD.

As residents in La Jolla from 1973 to 1975, and 1977 to 1986, the Valtzes were active supporters of the San Diego Opera, the San Diego Museum of Art and the San Diego Ballet. Mr. Valtz served on the Community Advisory Board of KPBS and the La Jolla Chamber Music Society board.

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