Dr. Edward Anders will be featured speaker in UCSD Special Lecture Series in Chemistry

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Current views on the origin of the solar system will be discussed by a leading American chemist in a series of four lectures beginning Thursday, Jan. 23, at the University of California, San Diego.

Featured speaker in the second annual UCSD Special Lecture Series in Chemistry will be Dr. Edward Anders, Horace B. Horton Professor of Chemistry at the University of Chicago.

Anders will speak at 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23; Friday, Jan. 24; Monday, Jan. 27, and Tuesday, Jan. 28. The first lecture will be in room 2250 of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building on the Muir College campus. Remaining lectures will be in room 1438 of the Humanities-Library Building on the Revelle College campus.

Scheduled topics are "Chemical Processes in the Early Solar System Meteorites" on Jan. 23, "Chemical Processes in the Early Solar System - Earth and Moon," on Jan. 24, "Noble Cases in Carbonaceous Chondrites: Extinct Radioactivities, Interstellar Material, etc." on Jan. 27 and "Meteoritic Material on the Moon" on Jan. 28.

Anders' research on moon rocks and soil and on meteorites have focused on the early chemical and physical processes affecting those materials. His work has ranged from studies of organic matter in meteorites to variations in isotope abundance and in crystal structure.

The chemist was recently awarded the Leonard Medal of the Meteoritical Society, one of many honors he has received. He is also a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

The lecture series is sponsored by the UCSD Department of Chemistry and the UC San Diego Foundation to bring outstanding leaders in chemical research to the San Diego area.

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