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Pat JaCoby, University Communications (619) 534-7404, pjacoby@ucsd.edu ESSAYIST/AUTHOR TO DISCUSS NEW BOOK MAY 20 AT UCSD

Author Daniel Harris of New York City will discuss his recently published book, *The Rise and Fall of Gay Culture*, at 6 p.m. May 20 in the Price Center Theatre at the University of California, San Diego.

An hors d'oeuvre reception in the lobby of the theatre at 5 p.m. will precede Harris' talk. The event is free and open to the public; however, donations will be accepted for the Harvey Milk/Tom Homann Scholarship Fund. The lecture is sponsored by UCSD's Thurgood Marshall College Hewlett Diversity and Unity Project.

Harris writes regularly for *Harper's*, *Salmagundi*, the *Antioch Review* and *Newsday*. His work also has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Nation* and the *Washington Post*. In addition, his work has been reprinted in *Best American Essays* of 1993 and *The Anchor Essay Annual* 1997.

Of his new book Harris notes, "at the very moment when many observers maintain that gay culture is reaching its most 'mature' and self-aware form, *The Rise and Fall of Gay Culture* claims that it is actually on the verge of extinction. It is certain to stimulate heated debate on the issue of assimilation, both inside and outside the gay community."

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