

Anthropologist Gregory Bateson delivers Mandeville lecture

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Gregory Bateson, noted anthropologist and researcher, will deliver the first in a new series of Mandeville Lectures Thursday, November 5, in the Gymnasium at the University of California, San Diego.

The lecture, free and open to the public, will begin at 8:00 p.m. The Mandeville Lecture Series, which began at UCSD in 1966, is underwritten by Mr. Ernest W. Mandeville, retired businessman and publisher. Over the years the series has brought such speakers as Earl Warren, William O. Douglas, John Kenneth Galbraith and Henry A. Kissinger to the UCSD campus.

Bateson, born in Grantchester, England, in 1904, has had a distinguished career in teaching and research in the fields of anthropology, psychiatry, psychotherapy, and ethnology. He is currently Associate Director for Research at the Oceanic Institute in Waimanalo, Hawaii.

He received a B.A. degree in Natural Science from Cambridge University in 1925 and an M.A. in Anthropology from Cambridge five years later. During his student years and immediately following, Bateson conducted anthropological field work in New Britain, New Guinea and Bali. In 1936 he and anthropologist Margaret Mead were married.

He came to the United States in 1940 where he worked with the Museum of Modern Art in New York City and later, during the war, with the Office of Strategic Services in Ceylon, India, Burma and China. He later served as a Visiting Professor at the New School for Social Research in New York and at Harvard University and as a Research Associate with Dr. Jurgen Ruesch at the University of California Medical School.

He has served on the staff of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Palo Alto, and has conducted research under grants from the Rockefeller Foundation, the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation and the National Institute of Mental Health. During 1963-64, Bateson served as Associate Director of the Communication Research Institute on St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. He joined the staff of the Oceanic Institute in Hawaii in 1965.