

Xiao Qian and Bi Shuowang to be regents' lecturers

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Novelist Xiao Qian and poet Bi Shuowang from the People's Republic of China will be regents' lecturers at the University of California, San Diego from Nov. 25-30. The writers will give two public lectures during their visit to the university.

The first lecture, to be given by Xiao Qian and entitled "The New Dawn on the Chinese Literature Scene," will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, in the International Center. The lecture is sponsored by the UC San Diego Department of Literature, the Friends of the International Center and the Chinese Studies Program. A reception will follow the lecture.

"Foreign Literature in China" is the topic of the second lecture to be given by Bi Shuowang. It is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, in room 1128 of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building on the Muir campus.

Xiao Qian, a member of the editorial board of the People's Literature Press in Beijing, is the author of several novels and essays, including a number of books which have been translated into English and other languages. He studied with Edgar Snow and helped compile and translate Snow's book, "Living China," which includes one of Xiao's stories.

Bi Shuowang is director of the Liaison Board with Foreign Nations of the All-China Writers' Association. He regularly contributes to many Chinese literary magazines and he has translated a number of English non-fiction books into Chinese.

The writers are on a tour of the United States which marks the first literary cultural exchange visit between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China in more than 30 years.

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