

Symposium on Economic Issues of Particular Importance to Minorities and Low Income Communities scheduled

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The Second Annual Third College/Department of Economics Symposium on Economic Issues of Particular Importance to Minorities and Low Income Communities has been scheduled for Saturday, April 27, on the campus of the University of California, San Diego.

The annual symposium, open free to the public, is designed to stimulate discussion and research on economic issues of special relevance to low income communities and to encourage minority and Third College students to major in economics and related disciplines while at the university.

This year an in-depth analysis of the minimum wage law and the economic interests of American minorities will be presented. The symposium will begin at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2722 of the Undergraduate Sciences Building on the Revelle College campus.

Principal speakers will be Dr. Thomas Sowell, Professor of Economics at UCTA, and Dr. Duran Bell, Associate Professor of Economics at UC Irvine. Sowell is an opponent of minimum wage legislation, particularly as it affects the interests of minority workers. Bell supports extending and increasing the minimum wage.

Dr. Judith L. Mann, Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Hawaii, and Dr. Donald Harris, Associate Professor of Economics at Stanford University, will serve as discussants of the two principal lectures. Dr. Daniel Orr, Professor of Economics at UCSD, will serve as moderator.

Sowell, a native of Gastonia, North Carolina, attended Harvard University, Columbia University and the University of Chicago where he received his Ph.D. in 1968. He has taught at Douglass College of Rutgers University, at Howard University and at Cornell University and has served as an economic analyst for AT & T and consultant to the Rockefeller Foundation and the Urban Coalition. He is presently on leave from UCLA working at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C.

Bell, a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, received his B.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Berkeley, the latter in 1965. He taught at the Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York and studied in a research capacity with the Brookings Institution and the RAND Corporation before joining the faculty at Irvine.

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