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CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN TALK AT UCSD

Noted civil rights attorney Percy Sutton of New York City will place the current debate over affirmative action in historical context in a public lecture April 1 at the RIMAC Center of the University of California, San Diego.

Sutton will serve as a Regents' Lecturer during UCSD's spring quarter, Chancellor Marjorie Caserio announced.

His talk, "Affirmative Action and the Struggle for Civil Rights," will offer ways to alleviate the controversy and end the conflict between opposing sides.

The lecture is part of a series cosponsored by the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women, which is devoted to educating the campus community and San Diego residents on issues of equity and access to education and work.

Sutton has long been an organizer and activist in the civil rights movement, electoral politics and community building.

He was recipient of the Spingarn Medal from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People "for exceptional courage and leadership in advancing civil rights in the American society."

Sutton was founder, and at present chairman emeritus, of the Inner City Broadcasting Corp., a past member of the New York State legislature, and on the board of the Association for a Better New York.

In addition to Sutton's lecture April 1, the UCSD Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women's series has included a Women's Equity Forum on March 7 and the Forum on the California Civil Rights Initiative last January.

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