

## **Friends of the Library to sponsor lecture on the adventures of Captain Kidd, 17th century pirate**

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The adventures of Captain Kidd, the 17th century pirate, will be the subject of a public lecture Thursday, April 3, sponsored by The Friends of the UCSD Library.

The sixth event in the friends' Public Events Series, the program will be held in the International Center on UCSD's Matthews campus. It is free and open to the public.

Featured speaker will be Dr. Robert C. Ritchie, UCSD assistant professor of history, who will discuss "The Career of Captain Kidd: Piracy and Politics."

Several valuable works on pirate history are part of the Hill Collection of Pacific Voyages contained in UCSD's Central University Library.

One of those publications, a pamphlet printed in London in 1696, sparked Ritchie's interest in the Pacific adventures of Captain Kidd. The rare work was "The Tryals of Joseph Dawson, Edward Forseith, William May, William Bishop, James Lewis and John Sparkes. For several piracies and robberies by them committed, in the company of Every the grand pirate, near the coasts of the East-Indies; and several other places on the seas. Giving an account of their villainous robberies and barbarities."

Ritchie, a student of 17th century New York history, has been a member of the UCSD faculty since 1968. A native of Scotland, he received his B.A. degree from Occidental College and his Ph.D. degree from UCLA.

Mrs. Harold Rose, of Del Mar, is chairperson of the series which was planned to encourage greater contact with the university for members of the friends and the general public.

The Friends of the UCSD Library is an educational organization of some 1,200 San Diego area residents with a common interest in books, libraries and the development of the UCSD libraries in particular.

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