

Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist To Speak April 20 On Historic Background Of Voting Rights Act

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The first definitive account of the uneasy alliance between Martin Luther King Jr. and President Lyndon Johnson in forging the 1965 Voting Rights Act will be discussed by Pulitzer Prize winning author Nick Kotz during a 5 p.m. program April 20 in the Seuss Room, Geisel Library at the University of California, San Diego.

In his new book, *Judgment Days: Lyndon Baines Johnson, Martin Luther King Jr., and the Laws That Changed America*, Kotz describes the Voting Rights Act--which marks its 40th anniversary this year--as a defining moment in American cultural and social history.

Earlier books by the distinguished author include *Wild Blue Yonder: Money, Politics and the B-1 Bomber* (1988); *A Passion for Equality: George A. Smiley and the Movement* (1977, with Mary Lynn Kotz), and *Let Them Eat Promises: The Politics of Hunger in America* (1969).

Copies of *Judgment Days* will be available for signing. A reception will follow the program, which is sponsored by the Mandeville Special Collections Library and the UCSD Department of History. Media Contact: Pat JaCoby, (858) 534-7404