

## UC Regents approve Marston Endowed Chair in Psychiatry for the UCSD School of Medicine

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### MARSTON ENDOWED CHAIR IN PSYCHIATRY APPROVED FOR UCSD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The University of California Board of Regents has approved the establishment of the Mary Gilman Marston Endowed Chair in Psychiatry at the UCSD School of Medicine. The chair will be funded by a \$250,000 bequest from Marston, who died in San Diego in July 1987 at the age of 107.

The chair will support teaching and research in the discipline of psychiatry. Marston indicated that the individual chosen to fill the chair should be a nationally recognized authority in the field of psychiatry.

"We are very pleased that Mary Marston chose to include the UCSD School of Medicine among the recipients of her generosity," said Gerard N. Burrow, M.D., vice chancellor for health sciences and dean of the School of Medicine. "Her focus on research will help us continue to add to our knowledge of how the human mind works, and her interest in teaching will enable us to pass that knowledge on to future researchers and clinicians."

"The Department of Psychiatry considers it a great privilege that Mary Marston chose to endow a chair in our department. The funding will help support research and education in mental health and behavioral sciences," said Igor Grant, M.D., professor and acting chairman of the department of psychiatry. "We are pleased that Ms. Marston chose mental health as the object of her generosity, especially since funding for research and treatment for the mentally ill has become very tight."

Mary Gilman Marston was born in San Diego on August 7, 1879. Her mother, Anna Lee Gunn, was born in Sonora, in the Gold Country, in 1853, and came to San Diego from San Francisco as a young school teacher in 1873. Her father, George Marston, was born in Wisconsin in 1850 and came to San Diego in 1870, to begin a long career as a merchant and citizen. He gave San Diego Presidio Park and the Serra Museum in recognition of the city's Spanish and Mexican heritage.

Mary Marston graduated from San Diego High School in 1898. Her senior prom was canceled because of the Spanish-American War. A 1903 graduate of Wellesley College, she traveled extensively, with special interest in Mexico and Spain, and over many years she took an active part in a Mexican-American settlement house in San Diego called Neighborhood House.

The Marston home was designed by San Diego's Irving Gill and built by Anna and George Marston in 1904. In 1974, Mary Marston gave her home, with its 4.6 acres of grounds adjacent to Balboa Park, to the City of San Diego for public park purposes, and, upon her death, the city dedicated the property as part of Balboa Park.

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