

Pulitzer prize winning columnist Anthony Lewis to speak on "Free Speech: Only for the Powerful?" at UCSD Feb. 9

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Anthony Lewis, a New York Times columnist and two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize, will give a free public lecture Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the University of California, San Diego's Price Center Theater.

Lewis' talk, "Free Speech: Only for the Powerful?" is being sponsored by the Helen Edison Lecture Series. Lewis will also be spending time with UCSD students and faculty during the week of Feb. 7 as a Regents' Lecturer. This one-week residency is being sponsored by the departments of Communication and History.

In his public lecture, Lewis will discuss claims that the First Amendment is of no use to minorities and disadvantaged groups in American society, and that because of this, they should be granted certain protections from free speech.

As a columnist for the New York Times, Lewis has covered the Supreme Court, the U.S. Department of Justice, and other legal subjects. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1963 for his coverage of the Supreme Court for the Times. In 1955, he received his first Pulitzer Prize for a series of articles he wrote for the Washington Daily News on the dismissal of a Navy employee for alleged security reasons, which led to the employee's reinstatement.

Lewis holds a B.A. degree from Harvard, and also studied law at that university's law school. For 15 years, he was a lecturer at Harvard Law School, where he taught courses on the constitution and the press. Lewis is the author of three books: Gideon's Trumpet, Portrait of a Decade, and Make No Law: The Sullivan Case and the First Amendment.

The Helen Edison Lecture Series is the result of a major gift to UCSD from the late Helen Edison, a San Diego philanthropist who supported numerous local educational, cultural, and arts efforts. The lecture series presents free public lectures on issues that advance humanitarian purposes and objectives.

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