

## Vine Deloria, Jr. to give the 1986 David Marc Belkin Memorial Lecture

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NOTED INDIAN ACTIVIST AND AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT UCSD

Noted Native American activist and writer Vine Deloria, Jr., has been invited to give the 1986 David Marc Belkin Memorial Lecture at the University of California, San Diego.

Deloria's talk is entitled "The Indian View of Nature" and will be given April 17 at 8 p.m. in Peterson Hall, Room 108, Third College. The public is invited and admission is free.

Deloria, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, is the author and editor of more than a dozen books and numerous articles concerning Indian affairs.

He holds a law degree from the University of Colorado and is currently a professor of political science at the University of Arizona.

From 1964-67, Deloria was executive director of the National Congress of American Indians in Washington, D.C.

He earned fame with his first book, "Custer Died for Your Sins," written in 1969 and described as "a 'new' Indian manifesto which is both a scathing indictment of white America's treatment of the Indian and a statement of what Indian activists want from the American government in the future."

Among Deloria's subsequent books were: "We Talk, You Listen," "Of Utmost Good Faith," "Red Man In the New World Drama," "God is Red," "Behind the Trail of Broken Treaties," "The Indian Affair," and "Indians of the Pacific Northwest."

The Belkin Lectures on environmental issues were established by the parents and friends of David Marc Belkin, an honors graduate of John Muir College at UCSD. Belkin lost his life while backpacking in the High Sierras in July, 1978. His love for the wilderness prompted his family to establish the endowed memorial fund in his memory.

Each spring the lectures bring to UCSD a distinguished figure associated with conservation and environmental studies.

The Belkin Lectures were inaugurated in 1979 by Peter Matthiessen who lectured on "The American Indian and Wilderness." Other lectures have been delivered by David Brower, Wallace Stegner, Edward Abbey, Dr. David Western, and William Ruckelshaus.

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