

UCSD announces two new divisional deans

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The appointment of two University of California, San Diego professors as divisional deans was announced today by Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson and Vice Chancellor Harold Ticho.

Physics professor Lu Jeu Sham has been named Divisional Dean of Natural Sciences, and economics professor Michael Rothschild, is the new Divisional Dean of Social Sciences. The appointments are effective immediately. Both divisions were created in a recent restructuring of UCSD's Academic Affairs area by Vice Chancellor Ticho. The two new deans will play major roles in faculty recruitment, the development of new academic programs, and long range planning for the divisions.

In announcing the appointments Chancellor Atkinson said, "UCSD is fortunate to have Professors Sham and Rothschild joining our academic administration. These are exciting times at UCSD, and the divisional deans will strengthen our concerted effort to place UCSD in the very first rank among American universities."

After receiving his Ph.D. from Cambridge University, Sham spent three years at UCSD as an assistant research physicist. He subsequently joined the faculty of the University of California, Irvine and of the University of London. Sham returned to UCSD in 1968 as a member of the physics department. He has since received a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Humboldt Foundation Award to pursue sabbatical leave studies at the Max Planck Institute in Germany. An authority on condensed matter physics, Sham has been active as a research scientist, teacher and advisor to graduate students.

As dean of natural sciences, Sham will provide administrative oversight to UCSD's departments of biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics.

UCSD's new division of social sciences, which Rothschild will head, includes the departments of anthropology, communication, economics, linguistics, political science, psychology and sociology.

Rothschild earned an undergraduate degree in anthropology from Reed College, a master's degree in international relations from Yale University, and a doctorate in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He joined the UCSD economics department in 1983. Previously he was a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin, Princeton University, Harvard University and Boston College.

An authority on economic theory, finance, and law and economics, Rothschild is associate editor of the "Journal of Economic Theory" and has been extensively involved in professional activities of the National Bureau of Economic Research and the internationally based Econometric Society.

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