

UCSD talk Feb. 10 to focus on invisible privilege systems

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UCSD TALK FEBRUARY 10 TO FOCUS ON INVISIBLE PRIVILEGE SYSTEMS

The advantage of privilege based on gender, skin-color, age, ability or socio-economic factors will be discussed by Dr. Peggy McIntosh, associate director of the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Institute of the Americas on the University of California, San Diego campus. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The question of how these unearned, invisible privilege systems impact our lives will be analyzed by the guest speaker during UCSD's 1999 "Membership Has Its Privileges" conference co-sponsored by a number of campus departments, staff associations, UCSD colleges, the Associated Students and others.

In 1998 McIntosh published the ground-breaking "White Privilege and Male Privilege: A Personal Account of Coming to See Correspondences through Work in Women's Studies." This analysis and its shorter form, "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack," 1989, have been instrumental in putting the dimension of privilege into discussions of gender, race and sexuality in the United States.

She is founder and co-director of the national S.E.E.D. (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) Project on Inclusive Curriculum, and co-founder of the Rocky Mountain Women's Institute. She consults internationally with college and school faculty who are creating gender- fair and multicultural curricula.

McIntosh has taught at the Brearly School, Harvard University, Trinity College, the University of Denver and the University of Durham (England), in addition to Wellesley. Information may be obtained by calling 534-9689 or via email at cccenter@ucsd.edu.

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