

"Law and California Society: 100 Years of the State Constitution" day-long program at UCSD

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A day-long program of lectures, capped by an evening address by California Supreme Court Justice Frank Newman, is planned for Monday, Nov. 5, in a University of California, San Diego symposium on "Law and California Society: 100 Years of the State Constitution."

The symposium, sponsored by Warren College, is designed to provide historical perspective on the California constitutional system on the occasion of the centennial of the 1879 constitution. It will also provide analysis of contemporary problems in state law.

In addition to bringing distinguished lecturers drawn from the California judiciary, the bar, and academic institutions, the symposium will bring to the UC San Diego campus a group of high school and community college teachers of history and social studies, together with selected honors students from San Diego schools who will be the university's guests for the day.

The symposium has been named the Earl Warren Memorial Symposium in honor of the late United States Chief Justice. In connection with the symposium, the California Council for the Humanities in Public Policy has made a grant to KPBS-TV for a pilot television project on the state constitution.

Justice Newman will speak at 8 p.m. in room 2722 of the Undergraduate Sciences Building on the Revelle Campus. The public is invited and admission is free.

Other topics, speakers, times, and rooms are:

"The Law and Nature's Bounty: Resource Use Under the California Constitution," Harry N. Scheiber, professor of history, UC San Diego, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 111A, Administrative Complex.

"The Politics of Constitutional Change," The Hon. Marjorie Spear, National Municipal League, 9:30 a.m., Revelle Formal Lounge.

"Centennial Retrospect: The Legacy of 1849 and the Constitution of 1879," David Johnson, professor of history, Portland State University, 11 a.m., room 1438, Humanities-Library Building, Revelle Campus.

"One Hundred Years of Criminal Justice in California," Lawrence M. Friedman, professor of law, Stanford University, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 111A, Administrative Complex.

"Women's Rights Under the California Constitution," Sister Sally Furay, Vice President, University of San Diego, 1:30 p.m., Revelle Formal Lounge.

"School Integration and Constitutional Law," Harold Hart-Nibbrig, Esq., attorney and Director of the Southern California Civil Liberties Union, 1:30 p.m., Revelle Formal Lounge.

"The California Constitution and the Federal Courts, 1879-1929," Charles W. McCurdy, associate professor of law and history, University of Virginia, 3 p.m., Humanities-Library Auditorium.

"The California Constitution and the Federal Courts: The Second Half Century, 1929-1979," Justice Arthur L. Alarcon, State Court of Appeal, 3 p.m., Humanities-Library Auditorium. According to Dr. Harry N. Scheiber, professor of American history and chairman of the symposium planning committee, the symposium will offer a fresh analytical approach to the subject of constitutional law at the state level. Rather than concentrating on technical legal issues, the lectures will deal with topics of broad social and cultural significance - areas of historical and contemporary change in which the interaction of law and other factors can be probed. "Despite Proposition 13 and the recent problems of the California supreme court," Scheiber said, "few of us are much aware of how deeply California's state constitutional law affects our daily lives and our institutions. We are hopeful that the symposium will contribute to informed public discussion of the issues."

All of the symposium lectures are free and open to the public. Non-UC San Diego students are required to make reservations through their schools or colleges. Further information about the conference may be obtained from Ms. Kitty Morris in the Warren College Provost's Office; (714) 452-4350.

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