

## **Kenneth Burke as Regents' Lecturer**

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Renowned author, poet and literary critic Kenneth Burke will visit the University of California, San Diego as a Regents' Lecturer May 11-20.

Burke, who turned 85 on May 5, will hold a number of talks and seminars for students as well as delivering a public lecture "Bodies That Learn Language" on Wednesday, May 12, at 4 p.m. in the Humanities-Library Auditorium.

His visit is sponsored by the Communications Program and the Departments of Literature and Sociology.

"Kenneth Burke is the most controversial literary figure in America in the last 50 years," according to Michael Schudson, director of the Communications Program. "What he has tried to do is to introduce into literary studies the rhetoric of almost any kind of communications ranging from Nazi propaganda to newspapers."

Perhaps Burke's best known works are his books "The Rhetoric of Motives," published in 1950 with a new edition in 1969, and "A Grammar of Motives" published first in 1945 with a new edition in 1969.

During his distinguished career Burke has been not only a literary critic, but a music critic, a poet, a writer of fictional stories, a book reviewer, and a translator. He has also served on the faculties of numerous colleges and universities.

He has been awarded honorary degrees from Bennington College, Rutgers, Dartmouth, Fairfield, Rochester, Northwestern, Indiana State and Kenyon College.

Born in Pittsburgh in 1897, Burke was educated at Ohio State University and at Columbia.

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