

Director of Peace Corps will give annual Clark Distinguished International Lecture

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DIRECTOR OF PEACE CORPS TO SPEAK AT UCSD

Loret Miller Ruppe, director of the Peace Corps, will present a free public lecture at the University of California, San Diego, May 13, 1988, at 7:30 p.m. at Peterson Hall.

Ruppe is the featured lecturer for the UCSD International Center's annual Clark Distinguished International Lecture. Her topic is "Leadership for Peace in the 1990's: Peace Corps Challenge to America."

Ruppe was appointed director of the Peace Corps by President Reagan in 1981. She is the longest tenured Peace Corps director, and is credited with overseeing a revitalization of the Peace Corps and a strengthening of its contributions to world peace through development.

During her service as director, Ruppe has been responsible for volunteer programs in 63 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Pacific. She has visited volunteers in more than 60 countries and has worked to increase national public awareness of the Peace Corps and the continuing need for grassroots development assistance.

To date, 120,000 Americans have volunteered for the Peace Corps. The current enrollment is 6,000 volunteers. Ruppe is leading a nationwide "Leadership for Peace" campaign to increase the size of the volunteer corps to 10,000 by 1992.

"Peace Corps volunteers see the world and speak its languages. They understand that the problems of the developing world are the problems of all mankind in the interdependent world of the 1980s," Ruppe said. "Most importantly, returned volunteers continue to serve the world in many important ways, from teaching children to leading corporations, from being state legislators to ambassadors and heads of major government agencies."

A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Ruppe attended Marymount College in Tarrytown, N.Y., and Marquette University in Milwaukee. She has received numerous honorary degrees as Peace Corps director, including a doctor of law degree from the University of Notre Dame. Ruppe began her career as a volunteer organizer and a civic leader in her hometown of Houghton, Mich. In 1980 she served as co-chairperson of Michigan's Reagan/Bush State Committee.

The UCSD International Center's annual Clark Distinguished International Lecture is made possible through an endowment from former UCSD Dean of International Education Phyllis Clark and her husband Milton, and other donations.

Admission to the lecture and a reception that follows at the International Center is free, however, because seating will be limited, the public is urged to obtain tickets in advance at the International Center Office or UCSD Box Office.

For more information call 534-UCSD.

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