

Dean of American Indian writers N. Scott Momaday to present lecture at UCSD, Feb. 26

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Distinguished American writer N. Scott Momaday will present a public lecture at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at the University of California, San Diego, as one aspect of a three-day rededication celebration of the enlarged and renovated UCSD Central Library.

The Momaday program is sponsored by the Friends of the UCSD Library as part of the organization's Great Author Series.

Momaday, currently Regents Professor of English at the University of Arizona, won the Pulitzer prize for fiction in 1969, an award which helped launch the American Indian cultural renaissance of the seventies and eighties.

Known as the dean of American Indian writers, Momaday is the author of the prize-winning *House Made of Dawn*, (1968); *The Way to Rainy Mountain* (1969); *Angle of Geese and Other Poems* (1974); *The Gourd Dancer* (1976); *The Names: A Memoir* (1976), and *The Ancient Child* (1989). He has just published his first selected works, *In the Presence of the Sun: Stories and poems, 1961-1991*.

Born of Kiowa ancestry at Lawton, Okla., Momaday has had a distinguished academic career. He earned his Ph.D. at Stanford; then taught at Stanford, at the University of California (Santa Barbara and Berkeley) and at Moscow State University.

Momaday has said of himself: "I have been called 'the man made of words,' a phrase that I myself coined some years ago in connection with a Kiowa folktale. It is an identity that pleases me. In a sense, a real sense, my life has been composed of words. Reading and writing, telling stories, listening, remembering, and thinking have been the cornerstones of my thinking." (Preface, *Stories and Poems, 1961-1991*; St. Martin's Press, 1992)

As part of the three-day rededication ceremonies for the Central Library, the Momaday lecture on the 26th will follow the first official visit of newly-inaugurated UC President Jack Peltason to UCSD Feb. 25.

The Momaday program will be held in UCSD's Price Center Theater. Admission for Friends of the UCSD Library is \$15; for non-members, \$20. For more information call 534-2533.

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