

Exhibition, reception celebrate publication of book about UCSD from its founding in 1800's to present on Feb. 6

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EXHIBITION, RECEPTION CELEBRATE PUBLICATION OF BOOK ABOUT UCSD FROM ITS FOUNDING IN 1800'S TO PRESENT

A February-March exhibition and a reception Feb. 6 will celebrate the recent publication of "An Improbable Venture, a History of the University of California, San Diego." Both events will be held in the University Library at UCSD.

The exhibition, which includes a number of photographs illustrating the history of UCSD, is on display in the library's main floor exhibition galleries. The public is welcome to view the exhibit during library hours.

The reception will be hosted by Chancellor and Mrs. Richard C. Atkinson and University Librarian Gerald R. Lowell and attended by the book's author, historian Nancy Scott Anderson. William J. McGill, a former UCSD chancellor, will be featured as "storyteller." Invited guests include persons who were involved in the formation of UCSD during the past three decades.

"The Improbable Venture" traces the good, the bad and the academic in UCSD's development from its origin as Scripps Institution of Oceanography in the 1800's to the present. "UCSD," writes Anderson "is recognized as the best institution of higher education established in the United States since World War II."

The book notes that today UCSD is the county's second largest employer, pumping nearly a billion dollars annually into the local economy and serving as a catalyst for the technology industry.

Although the book was commissioned by the university, historian Anderson says her intent was not to write "public relations pap." On the contrary, she reveals many never before heard tales of "the cathedral on the bluff," from intricate land deals to student protests.

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