

Dr. Maria Goeppert Mayer makes first faculty lecture for Fall 1960

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The world-famous physicist Maria Goeppert Mayer will offer the first in the Fall, 1960, Faculty Lectures sponsored by The University of California, La Jolla and the Theatre and Arts Foundation of San Diego County.

Dr. Mayer will speak at Sherwood Hall of the Art Center in La Jolla at 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 23. Her subject will be "Magic Numbers in Nuclear Structure".

The event is open to the public. Admission is free. Dr. Maria Goeppert Mayer is one of the new staff members of The University of California's School of Science and Engineering, La Jolla. A professor of physics, she will teach a graduate course at La Jolla during the fall semester and will conduct research. She and her husband, the famous chemist, Dr. Joseph Mayer, arrived in La Jolla last month. Dr. Joseph Mayer holds an appointment of Professor of Chemistry on the staff of the School of Science and Engineering.

Born in Germany, Dr. Maria Goeppert Mayer has made important contributions to the science of physics. According to her colleagues, her "shell model" interpretation in nuclear physics is sometimes regarded as the greatest single piece of progress in theoretical physics accomplished since World War II. The "magic numbers" in the title of her speech refer to one of her discoveries concerning the nuclear shells.