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Kwame Anthony Appiah, professor of Afro-American Studies and Philosophy at Harvard University, will deliver the prestigious Tanner Lecture on Human Values at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in the Mandeville Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego.

Appiah, who has written on issues of race and culture as they exist for African intellectuals today, will speak on "Race, Culture and Identity: Understandings and Misunderstandings." The lecture is free and open to the public.

Appiah's book, "In My Father's House: Africa in the Philosophy of Culture," (Oxford 1992), is based on his longstanding interest in African and African-American philosophy. In his book, Appiah distinguishes between racialism and racism, saying that racialism is viewed as the inheritance of morally significant human traits that divide the population of the earth into distinct races whose members differ from one another in morally significant ways; and racism, which is racialism, plus the view that some races are superior to others.

Appiah has held teaching positions at Duke University, Cornell University, Yale University, Clare College of Cambridge University, England, and the University of Ghana, Africa. He is a distinguished philosopher of language and the author of three books in his specialty.

"In My Father's House" is the winner of the Annisfield-World Book Award and the 1993 Herskovits Award of the African Studies Association for the best work published in English, on Africa.

In the same year, the book earned Honorable Mention in the competition for the James Russell Lowell Prize of the Modern Language Association.

The Tanner Lecture series was established by Obert Clark Tanner, a scholar, industrialist and philanthropist who took a great interest in human values and the human condition. Tanner's purpose for the lectures was, "to contribute to the intellectual and moral life of mankind...as a search for better understanding of human behavior and human values."

The first Tanner Lectures were given in 1976 at Oxford, the University of Michigan and Stanford University. Since then, they have been delivered at prestigious universities throughout the world. This is the first year UCSD has been chosen to host the lecture.

Appiah will sign his book, "In My Father's House: Africa in the Philosophy of Culture," (Oxford, 1992), at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, in the UCSD Bookstore.

Parking permits are required on the UCSD campus and may be purchased at the information pavilions at Gilman Drive and Northview Drive. For additional information, call 534-UCSD.

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