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Paul W. Drake, holder of the Institute of the Americas Chair for Inter-American Affairs, and the former chair of the department of political science, has been appointed as the new dean of the division of social sciences at the University of California, San Diego.

Drake, whose appointment is effective July 1, 1995, succeeds Michael Rothschild, a professor of economics, who has accepted a deanship at Princeton University. A leading scholar in the field of Latin American politics, Drake is a member of the department of political science, and also holds adjunct appointments in the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) and the department of history.

"Paul Drake is an internationally recognized scholar of Latin America," said Richard C. Atkinson, UCSD's Chancellor. "He has also played a crucial role in the development of UCSD's Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS) and IR/PS. We are most fortunate to have Professor Drake as a member of our faculty, and now, as dean of social science."

As dean, Drake will be the academic and administrative leader of UCSD's division of social sciences, comprised of nine academic departments and approximately 15 interdisciplinary academic programs.

Drake joined the UCSD faculty in 1984, serving as director of CILAS until 1989. From 1989-93, he served as chair of the university's political science department. In the mid-'80s, Drake served on more than ten important committees relating to IR/PS, the university's Pacific Rim School founded in 1986. Noted for his outstanding teaching ability as well as the quality of his research, Drake, in 1989, was named distinguished professor of the year by the UCSD Alumni Association.

At CILAS, Drake founded a Masters program in Latin American Studies, and forged a consortium with San Diego State University that has led to UCSD's current designation by the federal government as one of only twelve National Resource Centers for Latin American Studies. In 1986, while director of CILAS, Drake was appointed president of the Latin American Studies Association, the nation's premier association for the promotion of scholarship on Latin America.

Several of Drake's scholarly works have received prestigious awards. His 1990 book, "The Money Doctor in the Andes," was named the best book published that year on Latin America by the Latin American Studies Association. His 1993 book, "Money Doctors" named outstanding academic book of the year by Choice magazine. Drake's first book, "Socialism and Populism in Chile," won the American History Association's Bolton Prize for best book published on Latin American History during 1978.

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