

UCSD Library stages renaissance of classic salons

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The classic tradition of the European salon will be revived when the Friends of the University of California, San Diego Library hold their first salon on Tuesday, December 6, at 5 p.m. in room 263 of the Central University Library.

The topic for the first of three scheduled salons will be "Self Education and Good Conversation: Women's Work in the Eighteenth Century Salon," led by Cynthia Truant, assistant professor of history at UCSD.

The first salon will discuss "salonnières," the women who organized and ran some of the most influential enlightenment salons of 18th century Paris. Truant will illustrate the ways women used the salons as a means of furthering their own enlightenment and education. The salon began in 17th century France during the reign of Louis XIV.

"Guests are invited to participate in animated discussions focusing on the specific topic," said Jacqueline Scoones, of the Friends of the Library who organized the salons. "The dialogues will be led by UCSD faculty, renowned for their expertise in the subject matter."

Future schedule:

February 7, 1989: "Power, Politics and the English Renaissance: The Case of Ben Jonson. Donald Wayne, UCSD Literature Department. 5 p.m.

April 25, 1989: "Sleuth Work in the Margins: Using Annotations to Study the Early History of Science." Robert Westman, UCSD History Department. 5 p.m.

For additional enjoyment of the salons, attendees are invited to obtain a list of suggested readings about each topic from the office of the Friends of the Library by calling 534-2533.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

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