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Clark Glymour, a renowned philosopher of science, will be joining the University of California, San Diego as the Valtz Family Professor of Philosophy, effective July 1.

Glymour will be joining UCSD from the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University, where he has held the chair of Alumni University Professor.

Prior to his tenure in Pittsburgh, Glymour taught at Princeton University; the University of Chicago; the University of California, Irvine; and the University of Illinois.

"We are pleased to welcome Professor Glymour to the philosophy department at UCSD," said Richard Arneson, chair of the philosophy department. "He is certainly one of the leading authorities anywhere on the history and philosophy of science."

Glymour's interests focus on the history of early 20th Century physics and psychology, on methodological issues in the sciences, and on artificial intelligence methods for data mining.

In the past he has written about such varied subjects as public sculpture, holistic medicine, the history of modern physics, philosophy of physics, Freud and psychoanalysis, and various issues in the philosophy of science.

He is the author or co-author of several books including *Theory and Evidence* (Princeton, 1980); *Discovering Causal Structure* (Academic, 1987); *Causation, Prediction and Search* (Springer, 1980); *Philosophy of Science* (Prentice Hall, 1993); and *Thinking Things Through* (MIT, 1993). He also has created software for data mining (TETRAD II, Erlbaum, 1994).

Glymour has been a Guggenheim Fellow, a Fellow at the Centre for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, and has been the Romanell Phi Beta Kappa Professor for 1996-97.

He received his undergraduate degrees in chemistry and philosophy from the University of New Mexico, and his doctorate degree in history and philosophy of science from Indiana University.

Robert Valtz, an entrepreneur and private investor, managed various companies for Litton Industries and has chaired Frame-n-Lens, a prescription eyeglass firm headquartered in Santa Fe Springs, New Mexico. His wife, Marie-Claire, is his business partner who earned a master's degree in psychology from UCSD in 1975.

During their two periods of residence in La Jolla in 1973-75 and 1977-86, the Valtzes served on the Community Advisory Board of station KPBS and on the Board of the La Jolla Chamber Music Society. The Valtzes also provided support to the San Diego Opera, the San Diego Ballet, and the San Diego Museum of Art.

The Valtzes became involved with UCSD while Mrs. Valtz was a graduate student. In 1985, when they decided to leave San Diego, they wanted to leave behind a tangible gift of thanks to the community represented by an endowed Chair. The Valtz Chair, made available to its holder to support teaching and research, is that gift.

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