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A conference on the future of the humanities, The Humanities at Century's End, will be held Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at the University of California, San Diego. The conference is free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the UCSD Center for the Humanities, the conference will address such questions as: What is the relevance of studying earlier periods of history? What is the value of the humanities at the end of the century? Can we speak of the study of literature and history as the basis for an ethics?

Manning Marable, professor of history and political science and director of the Institute for Research in African American Studies at Columbia University, will speak on The Historical Imagination in a New America at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 31 in Center Hall 101 on the UCSD campus.

Marable is an adviser to the Congressional Black Caucus and the author of numerous books, including Race, Reform and Rebellion (1991) and Beyond Black and White (1995).

Joining Marable Feb. 1 for a panel discussion of future trends in the humanities will be four specialists in literature and history. They will meet from 9 a.m. to noon at the UCSD Cross- Cultural Center.

The panelists are history professor Casey Blake, Indiana University; Spanish and comparative literature professor Anthony Cascardi, UC Berkeley; classics professor Page duBois, UCSD, and comparative literature professor Jane Newman, UC Irvine.

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