

Nobel Laureates in literature, chemistry and economics to present programs in 1999 Nobel Laureates series at UCSD

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Nobel laureates in literature, chemistry and economics are featured in separate presentations during February and March in the 1999 Nobel Laureate Series at the University of California, San Diego. The events are open to the public.

Irish poet Seamus Heaney will read on Feb. 22; chemist Walter Kohn will lecture March 4, and economist Harry M. Markowitz March 11.

Heaney is the recipient of the 1995 Nobel Prize in literature. He is a native of Northern Ireland and divides his time between Dublin and Cambridge, Mass., where he teaches at Harvard University during spring semester. The Columbia Encyclopedia says Heaney "may be the finest poet writing in English today."

Heaney will read poetry from his new book, *OPENED GROUND: Selected Poems 1966-1996*. His presentation will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 22 in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. General admission is \$10; UCSD faculty and staff, \$5, and UCSD students, free. The event is sponsored by the UCSD Center for the Humanities.

Kohn is the recipient of the 1998 Nobel Prize in chemistry for his leading role in the development of the density-functional theory which has revolutionized scientists' approach to the electronic structure of atoms, molecules and solid materials in physics, chemistry and materials science.

A native of Vienna, Austria, Kohn received a Ph.D. in physics from Harvard University. He is a founding father of UCSD's Physics Department where he served as a professor from 1960 to 1979 and conducted early research on the density-functional theory. In 1979 he became the first director of the Institute for Theoretical Physics at UC Santa Barbara.

Kohn will speak on "Electronic Structure of Matter Wave Functions and Density Functionals" at 4 p.m. March 4 in the auditorium of the Robinson Building Complex, UCSD's International Relations and Pacific Studies. Admission is free.

Markowitz is the recipient of the 1990 Nobel Prize in economics. He shared the prize with professors at the University of Chicago and Stanford University and was recognized individually for his work on the portfolio theory, a technique for weighing the risks and rewards of holding different corporate stocks and bonds.

Markowitz is a professor emeritus at Baruch College of the City University of New York and a research professor at UCSD. He will speak on "Leverage and Growth with Implications on Hedge Funds" at 5 p.m. March 11 in the Price Center Theater. Admission is free.

The purpose of the Nobel Laureate Series is to allow students, faculty, staff and the public the opportunity to interact with individuals who are helping to shape our world by revealing more knowledge through their study, research and imagination.

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