

Eliot F. Porter is Regents' Lecturer

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Eliot F. Porter, one of the world's leading photographers of nature, has been appointed a Regents' Lecturer for two weeks during February on the San Diego campus of the University of California.

Porter will be in residence on the UCSD campus from February 5 through 19 and is scheduled to give two public lectures on "Aspects of Photography" during his stay. The first will be at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 7, and the second at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 15. Both will be in room 2722, Undergraduate Sciences Building and both are open free to the public.

An exhibit of Porter's photographs will be on display on the first floor of Urey Hall opposite the Science and Engineering Library from February 1 through 29. The exhibit will be open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.

Porter was born in 1901 in Winnetka, Illinois. He graduated from Harvard University in 1924 and from the Harvard University Medical School in 1929. He taught chemistry and bacteriology at Harvard from 1930 to 1939 when he gave up teaching for photography.

He specializes in nature photography with emphasis on color and patterns and is currently considered, together with Cartier-Bresson and Eisenstaedt, among the world's leading photographers. His fascination with Thoreau, nature, and color photography along with his superior craftsmanship make him a unique combination of both artist and poet at the same time.

He has received two Guggenheim Fellowships to photograph birds and has had exhibitions in many of the foremost museums in the United States.

During his career, Porter has published 11 books dealing with his work. They are: "In Wildness is the Preservation of the World," "The Place No One Knew: Glen Canyon on the Colorado," "Forever Wild, the Adirondacks," "Summer Island: Penobscot County," "Land Birds of America," "Living Birds of the World," "Les Plus Beaux Oiseaux," "Living Insects of the World," "The Lower Animals," "American Water and Game Birds," and his latest book, "Baja California."