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Two honorary degrees will be conferred by the University of California Friday, November 5 during the inaugural convocation of Dr. John S. Galbraith as Chancellor of the San Diego campus of the University.

They will be conferred by Dr. Clark Kerr, President of the University, upon Dr. Milton N. Bramlette, Professor of Geology Emeritus at UCSD, and upon Dr. Fred H. Harrington, President of the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Harrington will deliver the main address at the inaugural convocation at 10:00 a.m. Friday.

The honorary degrees will be the first presented by the University during a ceremony at UCSD since San Diego was named a general campus by the University Board of Regents.

Dr. Bramlette will be sponsored for the honor by Dr. Walter Kohn, Professor of Physics and Chairman of the San Diego Division of the Academic Senate. Dr. Harrington will be sponsored by Chancellor Galbraith.

Dr. Bramlette was born in Bonham, Texas, in 1896. He attended the University of Wisconsin and Yale University, receiving his Ph.D from the latter in 1936. After almost 18 years with the U. S. Geological Survey, he came to the University of California, Los Angeles in 1940 and joined the faculty at the University's Scripps Institution of Oceanography in 1950.

Dr. Bramlette participated in the central Asia expedition of Sir Aurel Stein in 1930 and 1931, and the Capricorn Expedition of Scripps in 1952 and 1953. He has engaged in oil exploration in various countries. He has been a member of many scientific societies and in 1954 was elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences.

Two years ago Dr. Bramlette received the Distinguished Service medal, the highest honor of the U. S. Department of the Interior. Three outstanding examples of research were mentioned in the citation which accompanied the medal; his study of the origin of the siliceous rocks of the Monterey formation, which won for him international recognition; his study of trans-Atlantic deep-sea cores, which resulted in the first trans-oceanic correlation of glacial deposits; and his understanding of the origin of the Arkansas bauxite deposits, which permitted effective exploration that led to the discovery of major sources of aluminum ore.

His paleontologic investigations in recent years have demonstrated the stratigraphic significance of the microscopic remains of the abundant and widespread calcareous nannoplankton in marine sedimentary rocks -- particularly regarding the value of these minute fossils for the age determination and correlation of ancient strata. Such investigations have consequently been initiated at many institutions and laboratories in America and Europe.

Dr. Fred Harrington, a distinguished historian and educator, became the 14th president of the University of Wisconsin in August, 1962, and has since led the University during its period of greatest expansion and progress. A Wisconsin faculty member for more than 25 years, Dr. Harrington was named assistant to the president in July 1957, vice president of academic affairs in July 1958, and vice president of the University in June 1962.

A former chairman of the history department at Wisconsin, Dr. Harrington has served on national educational committees and has been active in a number of professional societies. He served as chairman of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, composed of Big Ten institutions and the University of Chicago, from 1960 to 1962. In 1962 he was appointed to the National Commission on Accreditation and named a trustee of the Johnson Foundation.

Dr. Harrington headed the Secretary of the Army's Advisory Committee on Military History from 1959 to 1961, and is a member of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Foreign Relations. He was appointed by President Kennedy to the Board of Visitors of the U. S. Air Force Academy in 1961.

A specialist in American diplomatic history and Lincoln and the Civil War period, Dr. Harrington has published, "God, Mammon, and the Japanese," "Fighting Politician: Major General N. P. Banks"; and "Hanging Judge," the biography of Isaac C. Parker. He collaborated with other historians on the two-volume "An American History," which has been republished in a German edition, and on "History of American Civilization."

This year Dr. Harrington was named "Outstanding Wisconsin Citizen" by the Wisconsin region, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc., and appointed to the Governor's Wisconsin Development Authority. He was born in Watertown, New York in 1912. He received a bachelor's degree with honors in history from Cornell University in 1933, and received a master's degree and Ph.D. from New York University, four years later. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from New York University in 1963.