

2 awarded study fellowships by American Council of Learned Societies

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Two faculty members at the University of California, San Diego have been awarded Study Fellowships by the American Council of Learned Societies that will allow them to spend the next academic year working away from the campus in disciplines other than their present specializations.

They are Dr. Paul G. Chapin, Assistant Professor of Linguistics, who will spend a year at the University of Hawaii studying the history, geography, and ethnography of the Polynesian Islands, and Dr. Stanley Chodrow, Assistant Professor of History, who will spend a year at the Institute of Medieval Canon Law at the School of Law (Boalt Hall) in Berkley studying legal history.

The ACLS Study Fellowships, awarded for the 1971-72 academic year, "are designed to assist young scholars in the humanities to enlarge their range of knowledge by study inside or outside the humanities but in disciplines other than their present specialization."

Chapin joined the faculty at UCSD in September, 1967, after two years as a researcher in computational linguistics and information handling for The Mitre Corporation in Bedford, Massachusetts. He is going to the University of Hawaii for the historical background of the area.

"In linguistics research you have to interact with native speakers in order to make any progress," Chapin said. "You have to set up a very personal interrelationship with them and it helps to have a good working knowledge of their cultural backgrounds."

Chapin said the University of Hawaii is important in the field of Polynesian studies for three very good reasons: it has one of the best library collections available on the subject of the Pacific Islands in addition to the fine Bishop Museum, it has a large number of faculty members who specialize in the area, and finally, the university is located in the area he is to study.

Chodrow joined the UCSD faculty in July, 1968, after completing work on this Ph.D. degree in history at Cornell University. He received an A.B. degree in government as Cornell in 1964.

Chodrow's interest is in medieval history and how our own legal system has derived from the medieval legal establishment. His work will involve the three main traditions in the legal system- Roman Law, Canon or church law, and customary law- that were brought together to create the foundations for our own legal and governmental systems. Chodrow said his primary activity at the Institute will be to study law and legal history making use of the Robbins Collection of Canon Law and Roman Law. His interests lie in the origins of the western constitutional government and in the origins of the modern legal system and the Institute offers the best opportunity for study in these areas. The Institute has become an international center for the study of legal history, he said.

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