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### PRIZE-WINNING FICTION WRITER GEORGE SZANTO TO SPEAK AT UCSD ON MAY 3

George Szanto, professor of communications and comparative literature at McGill University, Montreal, will speak at the University of California, San Diego at 4 p.m. May 3, in the Third College Humanities Building, Room 142.

Szanto will read from his new book of short stories, "The Underside of Stones." The book is a cycle of stories about a group of characters living in a small village in the highlands of central Mexico, Michacuaro. The narrator is a "gringo" criminologist trying to escape the grief of his wife's premature death. Instead of peace, he finds a civilization where the dramatic is the norm.

The author is the 1987 winner of the Silver Foundation Medal, Canada's literary award for the best short story in a Canadian magazine; he received one of the "Five Best First Novels of 1983" awards. He earned a Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1967, and an undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College.

Szanto taught at UCSD from 1967-73. He maintains a residence in Mexico when not teaching at McGill.

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