

Institute of Americas Professorship

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Dr. Paul W. Drake, director of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, has been appointed to the Institute of the Americas Chair for Inter-American Affairs and as professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego.

Drake is an internationally recognized scholar, administrator and teacher in the field of Latin American studies. He has been a member of the faculty of the University of Illinois for the past 12 years. He was chosen for the UCSD post following a nationwide search for "a scholar of international distinction with expertise in Latin American politics." His appointment at UCSD is effective July 1, 1984.

The Institute of the Americas Chair for Inter-American Affairs is one of three endowed chairs underwritten by the Institute of the Americas, a non-profit California corporation established for the purpose of studying and formulating a program for improving relations between the United States and Latin America. The Institute will be located on the UCSD campus next fall.

Theodore E. Gildred, chairman of the board of the Institute of the Americas, said, "I am pleased that Dr. Paul Drake has accepted the Institute of the Americas Professorship for Inter-American Affairs. It is precisely because we hoped to attract scholars of Dr. Drake's caliber to the UCSD campus that three endowed professorships were established by the Institute Board of Governors. We look forward with enthusiasm to working with Dr. Drake in his efforts to develop UCSD academic programs which will complement the outreach activities undertaken by the Institute."

UCSD Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson said, "The appointment of Dr. Paul Drake is a major addition to the UCSD faculty. He is a renowned scholar of Latin American politics and is recognized as an exceptional teacher by his colleagues. We are deeply indebted to the Institute of the Americas for its support of our programs and for helping to make the appointment of Paul Drake possible."

Drake received a bachelor of arts degree in international studies from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1966 and a Ph.D. in history from Stanford University in 1971. He joined the University of Illinois faculty in 1971 and was named director of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies in 1979. He has also served as director of the Joint Center for Latin American Studies, a consortium formed by the University of Illinois and the University of Chicago in 1980. His work with the consortium has brought him a national reputation as a superb administrator and as a distinguished academician. Drake has also won several awards for his teaching and has been recognized by his colleagues at Illinois as one of the university's best teachers, in any discipline.

He is a member of a number of professional academic organizations including the Latin American Studies Association, the Conference on Latin American History of the American Historical Association and the Pacific Coast Council of Latin American Studies. He has conducted field research in Chile, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador and Bolivia.

Drake is the author of numerous articles and book reviews dealing with Latin American economics and politics. His book, "Socialism and Populism in Chile, 1932-52," published by the University of Illinois Press in 1978, was awarded the Bolton Prize from the Conference on Latin American History for the best book on Latin American

history published in 1978. A second book, titled "The Money Doctor in the Andes: United States Expansion in Latin America from World War I to the Great Depression," is scheduled for publication in 1986.

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