



Scholars Notebook

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San Diego Independent Scholars
(SDIS)

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In the last 3 months, over 100,000 Americans have perished in the Covid-19 pandemic, which has claimed not only dear relatives and friends but also health care professionals and essential workers who risked their health to serve us. Many of us have endured the emotional or financial stress of self-isolation. **How have you fared? Have you changed?**

SUMMER
WRITING
PROJECT

Your life amid a pandemic

Interested SDIS members are invited to describe their experiences and reactions during the initial three months of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Eligibility: Each participant must be either a current SDIS member or a person who joins SDIS before July 1, 2020. (The number of new members contributing to the project may be limited to a manageable number of early applicants, if too many apply.)

Many thanks to John Alexander, who suggested this undertaking and has kindly offered his web domain as a place to store and process everyone's contributions.

To contribute to this project:

- Indicate interest and get updates: contact sandiegoindependentscholars@gmail.com
- Before August 1, 2020: **Submit a written or other artistic expression** of your pandemic-related experiences. Try to use less than 7500 characters, including spaces between words. Visual commentaries (artwork or photos) are also possible.
- **Participate** in a "Cooperative Writing" Group, which will guide the project, or a "Desktop Publishing and Digital Scrapbooking" Group, which will explore procedures for publishing and posting the compiled contributions, skills that can also be applied later to individual endeavors.



The Scholars Notebook is issued monthly during the academic year, except December, by the San Diego independent Scholars (SDIS), a nonprofit organization founded in 1982.

The mission of SDIS is to promote opportunities for active learning and scholarship, both for its membership and for the San Diego community.

Public service activities of SDIS include: (1) monthly public lectures presented during the academic year; (2) discussion groups held in public libraries; (3) small grants awarded on a competitive basis for research projects and (4) cooperative educational and other projects with local organizations.

More information about SDIS and its activities is available at www.sdscholars.org. Questions: sandiegoindependentscholars@gmail.com

The Scholars Notebook welcomes contributions by SDIS members, including Letters to the Editor, which should be sent by the middle of each month to the Editor, Dorothy Parker, at dorothyparker@gmail.com.

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SDIS Summer Schedule

Most groups meet on a regular schedule with the same Zoom URL link each meeting. Exceptions are noted below.

Colloquy Cafe: 1:30 on the third Wednesday of every month

For information, contact gerryfbob@cox.net

Jun 17, 2020 01:30 PM – **Verbal Concept is “Philanthropy”**

July 15, 2020 01:30 PM

Aug 19, 2020 01:30 PM

Sep 16, 2020 01:30 PM

Film Group: 10 am on the first Wednesday of every month.

For information, contact bheckler@san.rr.com

Jun 10, 2020 10:00 AM (**Note: 2nd Wed of month, June only**)

Film = *Parasite*

Jul 1, 2020 10:00 AM

Aug 5, 2020 10:00 AM

Sep 2, 2020 10:00 AM

General Relativity: 10 am every other Wednesday.

For information, contact Alvin.halpern@gmail.com

June 10, Reading ***Gravity by Hartle*** and doing calculations.

June 24, July 8, July 22, Aug 5, Aug 19, Sept 2 ...

Inside Politics: 10 am on first Sat of every month.

For information, contact akorobk1@san.rr.com

Jun 6, 2020 10:00 AM **Agenda sent 2 days before meeting**

July 4, 2020 10:00 AM

Aug 1, 2020 10:00 AM

Sep 5, 2020 10:00 AM

SDIS Summer Schedule (continued)

Neuroscience (Artificial Intelligence): 1:00 on 2nd Fri of every month.

For information, contact sandiegoindependentscholars@gmail.com

June 12, 2020 01:00 PM -- **Comparison of how computers and children learn**

July 10, 2020 01:00 PM

Aug 14, 2020 01:00 PM

Sep 11, 2020 01:00 PM -- Note change from 1:30

Reading Experience: 10 am on third Monday of every month.

For information, contact gerryfbob@cox.net

June 15, 2020 10:00 AM **Theme is “Friendship.” Book is *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay.***

July 20, 2020 10:00 AM

Aug 17, 2020 10:00 AM

Sep 21, 2020 10:00 AM

Theater Group: Week and day varies with availability of free online showings of live-recorded theater. Members view 1 or 2 plays before the scheduled meeting and discuss the play(s) over Zoom.

For information, contact sharon.beckas@gmail.com

June 10, 2020 3:00 PM: “**This House**” and “**Coriolanus**”

Discuss two plays on the National Theatre of England website:

“**This House**” (2013) by James Graham (based on known events in 1970s British Parliament). 2 hrs & 40 minutes. Subtitled.

Free between 11 am Thurs, May 28 and 11 am Thurs, June 4

Link to view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vsSHyjEMrg>

“**Coriolanus**” by William Shakespeare (another kind of political turmoil from that in “The House,” or not?)

3 hours with short interval. Subtitled.

Free between 11 am Thurs, June 4 and 11 am Thurs, June 11

Link to view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHqkEruwBT0>

Looking Forward: September & October

Saturday, Sept. 19, 1:30: September general meeting & lecture



“China Inc.”: The Political Economy of China’s Outward Investment

Weiyi Shi, Ph.D. -- Assistant Professor
School of Global Policy & Strategy, UCSD

As the expansive reach of China’s multinational firms grows, incorporating diverse assets from Angolan oil to German robotics, so does skepticism about the intent and consequences of China’s brand of global capitalism. This talk unpacks the political economy of China’s outward investment.

Saturday, Oct. 17, 1:30: October general meeting & lecture

What’s in the Air We Breathe?

Vicki H. Grassian, Ph.D. -- Chair
Dept. of Chemistry and Biochemistry, UCSD

Aerosols are defined as any solid or liquid particles suspended in air. These particles travel long distances and affect the chemistry of the atmosphere. This talk will highlight some of the more recent updates on aerosols and their impacts, including how they impact the Earth’s climate, human health and the transmission of pathogens such as viruses.



A DOCUMENTARY by FAYE + KEN



A chat with
**ESTELLE
GILSON**
on her new
book

Thursday, June 4, 4:30 (Zoom)
see **KMW@ucsd.edu** to join

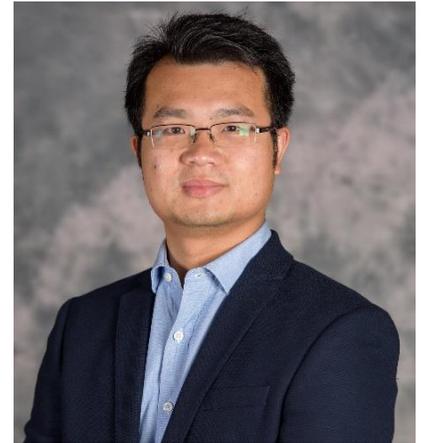
Watch famous author Estelle Gilson being interviewed by SDIS member Faye Girsh. The occasion is the publication of Estelle's new book "**Foundlings and other Misfits**". This is a book of poems and short stories. The date is Thursday, June 4 at 4:30 pm. To receive the YouTube link for this and other presentations in the Faye+Ken documentary series, contact SDIS member Ken Watson at kmw@ucsd.edu. This weekly series ordinarily shows a lecture videotaped by Ken or slides taken in exotic locations by Faye. Ken sends a YouTube link just before 4:30 on each Thursday.

Other Activities Available to SDIS Members

Oceanids Sounding Board Online: Thursday, June 18, 12:45 pm

Leveraging Reversible Chemistry for Materials Sustainability in Energy Storage

Zheng Chen, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor
Department of NanoEngineering, UCSD



Click this link to join:

<https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/91848183824>

The development of next-generation energy storage devices and systems for electric vehicles relies on materials with significantly improved performance and lower cost. The increasing amount of lithium-ion battery (LIBs) consumption will result in the resource shortage and waste disposal problems. This talk will introduce a potential strategy to directly recycle and regenerate spent LIBs by a “non-destructive” approach.

North County Village (NCV) Online Activities:

Book Club - June 3 @ 3:30 – ***Nothing to see here*** by Kevin Wilson
RSVP: Inga.Liden9@gmail.com

Memoir writing - June 10 @ 2:00 – Bring recent writing.
RSVP: Inga.Liden9@gmail.com

Happy Hour - June 16 @ 4:00 – RSVP: jek123@msn.com

Film Club – June 23 @ 3:30 - film TBD -- RSVP: jek123@msn.com

SDIS New Member Form and Optional Library Card Form

UCSD Library Cards:

- If you are 65 or over, affiliation with SDIS entitles you to a discounted UCSD Library card, with Level 2 (graduate student) privileges, except for inter-library loans.
- For members 65 and over, your SDIS library card is \$25 with this membership form. SDIS will match your \$25. (For cards acquired at this time, UCSD charges SDIS \$50.)

Tax-Deductible Contributions to SDIS are encouraged and welcome .

MEMBERSHIP: Dues paid in September through March apply to the current fiscal year (Sept-Sept). Those paid from April through August also apply to the subsequent year.

PLEASE provide ALL information for our Directory. Print, or write very clearly.

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Alt Phone: _____

Email: _____

Field(s) of Interest, (maximum of three)

APPLICATION FOR OPTIONAL UCSD LIBRARY CARD
Effective for Academic Year Beginning October 1

I assume responsibility for lost, damaged, or overdue materials borrowed on my UCSD/SDIS library card:

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

PAYMENTS

Make checks payable to SDIS. Please mail entire form with payment(s) to
David E. Parker, 8773 Caminito Abrazo, La Jolla, CA 92037

Tax Deductible SDIS Dues (\$40/single, \$55/couple)	\$ _____
Library Card (Optional - \$25)	\$ _____
<u>Tax Deductible Contributions</u> (Optional)	
Operations	\$ _____
Helen Hawkins Research Fund	\$ _____
Jane Ford Book Fund	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____