

Scholars Notebook

San Diego Independent Scholars (SDIS)

August 2020

The COVID-19 writing project continues!

Between June and August 1, 2020, several SDIS members have recorded their experiences and thoughts during the current pandemic. Some of us have found the process so rewarding that we have written not only one piece covering our initial reactions but are beginning a second one analyzing our later adaptations.

We now invite others to join in Phase II, in which we describe various aspects of our individual experiences between the start of the pandemic and October 1, 2020. Phase II aims at gaining a wider set of narratives, thus enhancing the historical value of the first-hand accounts to be archived.

Furthermore, we find that the project has allowed us to exchange descriptions of our problems and solutions, decreasing our isolation. It also provides a chance to analyze what we have learned from various lifestyle changes.

Please join us! Instructions for participation are on **page 3**.

Why write about our lives during the pandemic?

1. To honor victims of disease or economic hardship, along with essential workers who have risked their health to serve others.
2. To document our first-hand experiences, which are of historical, sociological, and psychological interest.
3. To help us understand our own adaptations to this difficult time, when habitual patterns have been disrupted, allowing new viewpoints and strategies.
4. To participate in a community project with social value.
5. To communicate with others by sharing our impressions and reading about theirs.



Discover SDIS

<https://sdscholars.org>



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 or online; (3) small grants awarded on a competitive basis for research projects and (4) various 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, which should be sent by the middle of each month to sandiegoindependentscholars@gmail.com

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Writing Project:

Your Experiences during the COVID-19 Pandemic

To contribute to the project:

1. **Indicate interest** (even if it is tentative) by giving us your email address in a message to sandiegoindependentscholars@gmail.com. We will then send you updates and further information.
2. **Submit a written or other artistic expression** of your pandemic-related experiences, as a Word or pdf file, before October 1, 2020. Try to use fewer than 7500 characters, including spaces between words. Written formats may include prose, poetry, letter, journal or other styles. Visual commentaries (cartoons, artworks or photos) are also possible. All viewpoints are welcome, except for porn or hate material.

Mail your contribution to sandiegoindependentscholars@gmail.com. One person may write more than one piece, especially if he/she reports different responses at various times during the pandemic.
3. **How will submissions be used?** The contributions will be assembled in a virtual booklet. Completion of the booklet will be celebrated by a gala opening and champagne party, which will be via Zoom if the pandemic persists. SDIS members and friends are invited to the event.

SDIS members may print a hard copy of the booklet, if desired. The booklet will be archived for posterity.
4. **Eligibility:** SDIS members and the first 30 non-members who register interest (at sandiegoindependentscholars@gmail.com) will be accepted. To cover project costs, non-members will be asked to join SDIS with the usual annual dues (\$40 per person or \$55 per couple). They will also enjoy other member privileges, such as the option for a discounted UCSD library card and access to pertinent study groups.

SDIS Summer Schedule

For the appropriate Zoom link, contact the appropriate group leader indicated below.

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

For information, contact gerryfbob@cox.net

Jun 17, 2020 01:30 PM

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 (2nd Wed of month, June only)

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

Agenda sent 2 days before each meeting

Jun 6, 2020 10:00 AM

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

-- Note meeting time changed to 1:00 from 1:30

June 12, 2020 01:00 PM -

July 10, 2020 01:00 PM

Aug 14, 2020 01:00 PM – Ch 1 and 3 of Brockman, *25 Ways of Thinking about AI* and some articles on Deep Learning

Sep 11, 2020 01:00 PM

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

For information, contact gerryfbob@cox.net

June 15, 2020 10:00 AM

July 20, 2020 10:00 AM

Aug 17, 2020 10:00 AM

Theme for book comparisons is “Friendship.”

August book is *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt

Sep 21, 2020 10:00 AM

Videos by Ken and Faye: 4:00 pm every Thursday

For information, contact kenmwat@icloud.com

Aug 6, 2020 4:00 PM

Documentary of Frank Lloyd Wright

Aug 13, 2020 4:00 PM

Aug 20, 2020 4:00 PM

Aug 27, 2020 4:00 PM

Sept 3, 2020 4:00 PM

Sept 10, 2020 4:00 PM

Looking Forward: September & October

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



“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, via Zoom

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.



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	\$ _____