SATURDAY May 11, 1:30 p.m.
SDIS Monthly Lecture -- in person or via Zoom

Gwenyth Mapes, PhD

*Frida Kahlo and Her Art*

In this lecture, Professor of Humanities Gwenyth Mapes will look at Frida Kahlo’s life and some of her art. Dr. Mapes is a Professor of Humanities at Grossmont College and taught as an Assistant Professor of Humanities at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Frida Kahlo (1907-1954), sometimes known as a Surrealist painter, is probably Mexico’s best known artist, known for her vibrant colors, unflinching self portraiture, and her celebration of the indigenous culture.

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Public service activities of SDIS include free public lectures and cooperative educational projects with other organizations. SDIS members enjoy a variety of regular discussion groups, presently via Zoom.

SDIS, established in 1982, was instrumental in the founding of the National Coalition of Independent Scholars, an organization that unites eight similar organizations and has international membership.

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NOTE: The Scholar’s Notebook will not be published during the summer months. It will be distributed to members early in September.
BIOSCIENCES GROUP
The Biosciences Group is in recess until September of 2024. In the meantime, the group will keep in contact through email discussions and exchanged references.
When we resume in September, we are likely to start reading a book on embodied cognition or another topic that links psychology, neuroscience and biology.

Dorothy Parker

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WORKS IN PROGRESS GROUP

1:00-2:30 Thursday, May 16
Both in-person and via Zoom

The Works in Progress Group meets monthly in the North University Community Library at 8820 Judicial Drive in San Diego, CA 92122. These sessions, which are open to the public, are at 1:00 on the 3rd Thursday of each month (September through May).

On April 18, Gloria Montebruno-Saller described some of the fascinating information in her Japanese American Citizens as Survivors of the Hiroshima Bombing (to be published by Routledge). The discussion was supplemented by comments from several Japanese American bomb survivors or their relatives, who attended either by Zoom or in person. Dr. Montebruno-Saller's presentation was recorded and will be placed on the SDIS YouTube site.

Because of challenges that she faced during the Covid-19 pandemic in obtaining foreign documents and in traveling to conduct foreign interviews, Dr. Montebruno-Saller's writing of the above manuscript has been somewhat delayed. In the meantime, however, she has been able to complete another manuscript Atomic Bomb Survivors in North America: The Untold Story. This book is based primarily on source material available in the continental U.S. and can be considered an introduction to the larger topic.

At the group's next meeting on May 16, the topic will be Positive Regard: The Currency of Connection, based on a manuscript being prepared by Paul Standal Ph.D., a clinical psychologist. This work focuses on reciprocal positive regard and transpersonal aspects of relational well-being and recovery. In part, it originates from Dr. Standal's father's 1954 dissertation "The Need for Unconditional Positive Regard," which he did as a graduate student of Carl Rogers. Paul argues that our need for positive regard, our seeking of attention, and acceptance is essential for survival. The conclusions and interpretations we make have a profound effect on our personal paradigm and worldview, leading to adaptive or maladaptive consequences.

We encourage you to attend in person, to support the speaker, enjoy social interactions, and participate in informal discussions. If you are unable to get there, however, the Zoom link can be requested by emailing sdisask@gmail.com.

Jaime Pineda; Dorothy Parker
At the April meeting of the International Affairs Group, Larry Veit contrasted India today with India at the time of its independence. Larry, who served as an Economic Attaché of the U.S. State Department in India and has written a book on India, led a lively discussion on the.

An extra session of the group is scheduled for April 30 to accommodate a visit to San Diego by Don Nicholson, a friend of the Veits. He will talk on “Russia, the Stans, and Points East.” Don lived for more than 20 years in the “Stans.” For 14 years, he was President of the US-Uzbekistan Chamber of Commerce. He has had deep and wide-ranging relationships with a broad variety of US and foreign nationals and is a leading world expert on political, economic, and other aspects of this region. We look forward to hearing his perspectives. Because this session occurs after the deadline for the filing of copy for the May issue of the Scholars Notebook, the results of this meeting will appear in the next newsletter.

At 10:00 on May 14, Penny Wolfe will present a “big picture” view of the Middle East. Penny has spent considerable time working and studying in Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, and Israel, plus briefly in the UAE.

Carol and Larry Veit; Dorothy Parker

Inside Politics

The SDIS Inside Politics Zoom Study Group meeting for May will be held on Saturday May 11 at 10:00 a.m. Although that date is over two weeks away at the time I am sending in this report, the Agenda for that meeting is sure to include a discussion of the first of four criminal trials against former Present Donald Trump which just began this week in New York City. In this case, Trump is accused of paying hush money to porn star Stormy Daniels to prevent her from disclosing to the public an alleged sexual encounter with President Trump at the time Melania Trump was pregnant with their son Barron Trump. Although payment of the hush money is not illegal, the alleged crime is that Trump covered up the payment by manipulating his internal books to show the payment was in fact payment for legal services to his attorney and fixer Michael Cohen, all to aid in his successful campaign for President in 20126. The trial is supposed to take several weeks, during which time Trump is required to be present in the courtroom every day. Trump is calling this situation “election Interference” because Biden is out campaigning while Trump is stuck in the courtroom every day.

The other political issue currently in the news every day is the protest taking place every day on the campus of several elite colleges across the country, involving the war between Hamas and Israel. Dozens and students and faculty at these universities have been arrested and many Jewish students have expressed fear for their safety. Meanwhile, over one hundred Israeli hostages remain in the hands of Hamas as the war has dragged on for over six months. Meanwhile, President Biden is attempting to placate both sides of this dispute as Jewish and Muslim voters in the U.S. may play a pivotal role in the November election.
The Physical Sciences Group met by zoom on April 10, and continued its review of Peskin and Schroeder, chapter 7. We developed the very important LSZ theorem, which relates the S matrix for the scattering of m incoming particles into n outgoing particles to the simple pole structure of the momentum space transform of the (n + m) particle correlation function. Pole structure refers to singularities in the momenta complex plane, the mathematics of which reveal analytic properties of the correlation function that directly relate to the scattering matrix.

The LSZ theorem reveals properties of the S matrix that were only assumed before, such as the fact that in the perturbative series of Feynman Diagrams, only certain classes of such Diagrams are allowed. It also reveals a multiplicative correction to the previously assumed values of the S matrix, called the field strength renormalization. In addition, Crossing Symmetry, a property that we ascribed to Feynman Diagrams, is in fact a statement that is true without reference to perturbation theory at all, but is a fundamental rule of quantum field theory.

Finally, we showed that some singularities that arose when we explored radiative corrections to an electron scattering off an external electromagnetic field (vertex corrections) could now be convincingly shown to be eliminated in the LSZ formulation of the S matrix.

Our next zoom meeting will be on Wed., May 1st, at 2:00pm, when we will continue with chapter 7 and the development of the Optical Theorem and related material.

Alvin Halpern

COLLOQUY CAFÉ
Wednesday, May 15, 1:00 p.m. (in person).
Subject: Family

For further details, please contact me.

Gerry Horwitz

READING EXPERIENCE
3rd Monday, May 20, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Members should plan to share their favorite poems with us. Please prepare up to three poems to read and discuss.

Gerry Horwitz
The next meeting is Wednesday, May 1 at 10 am. Participants will watch *Tea with Mussolini*, a 1999 light comedy with a wartime setting. The outstanding cast has a delightful group of British and American actresses. As ex-pats, Judi Dench, Joan Plowright, Maggie Smith, Cher and Lily Tomlin meet regularly for afternoon tea beginning in 1935 in Mussolini's Italy. Joan Plowright plays the secretary to an absent father; she becomes the caretaker of a young boy, Luca, with help from her friends.

The ladies are naive about the rise of fascism, so Maggie Smith, playing the widow of an ambassador, arranges tea with Mussolini to assure herself that he has the "right" intentions.

Italian director Frank Zeffirelli describes the character of Luca as very loosely based on himself. His mother, who was never married to his father, died when he was six, so he was raised with strong influence from the expatriates. Zeffirelli started his career in the 1950s as a director of opera productions. In 1967 he directed his first film, *Taming of the Shrew*, with Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Just a year later his version of *Romeo and Juliet* was acclaimed as one of the best ever Shakespeare productions. In addition to his Shakespeare films, he gained fame after the war for his extravagant stagings of classical operas as well as their later film adaptations. His 1983 film version of *La Traviata* with Placido Domingo is still available today.

Barbara Heckler and Ken Krauss
May 2024
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- **2:00 PM**
- **PHYSICAL SCIENCES**

**10:00 AM**
- **Inside Politics**
- **SDIS Program**
- **Frida Kahlo and Her Art**

**1:30 PM**
- **Colloquy Cafe**
- **Works in Progress**

**10:00 AM**
- **Reading Experience**

**JUNE 1**