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UCSB Center to Present Free Lecture on Stalking and Stalkers

In romance, most people recognize when their amorous feelings are not being returned. And eventually, they cease trying to win the uninterested person's affections, accept rejection, and move on.

But some people don't know when to quit.

Brian H. Spitzberg, a professor of communication at San Diego State University, has studied obsessive, one-sided relationships. He will discuss the worst of that type at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13 in "The Paradoxes of Pursuit: Stalking, Stalkers, and their Victims," the inaugural lecture of UC Santa Barbara's Center on Police Practices and the Community (COPPAC) Speaker Series. Co-sponsored by the UCSB Affiliates, the lecture will be held in Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, 21 East Constance Ave. in Santa Barbara.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

However, reservations are strongly suggested and can be made by calling (805) 893-4388.

In his talk, Spitzberg will examine the types of stalkers, their motives, and whom they victimize. He will discuss the things victims can do to try to escape and protect themselves from stalkers. And he will examine the role of law enforcement in keeping stalkers and their victims apart.

Spitzberg has written many articles on stalkers and stalking and is presently co-authoring "The Dark Side of Relational Pursuit."

He is a member of the San Diego Stalking Strike Force and the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals and is an adviser to the San Diego City Attorney's Domestic Violence unit.

He has a Ph.D. in communication arts and sciences earned at the University of Southern California.

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