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HISTORIAN ALAN BRINKLEY IS GIRVETZ LECTURER

Alan Brinkley, prizewinning historian and author of "Liberalism and Its Discontents," will deliver the Harry Girvetz Memorial Lecture on Nov. 11.

Brinkley, an American history professor at Columbia University, will speak on "Legacies of the New Deal" at 4 p.m. in the McCune Conference Room, 6020 Humanities and Social Sciences Building, on campus.

The free lecture is open to the public.

The New Deal is often remembered as a period of dazzling innovation, much of it without lasting impact on American government and society.

But the New Deal also has a profound legacy that extends into our own time, Brinkley argues. Its bequests include programs that shape the lives of millions of people, ideas that still have power and material changes that have transformed our world.

Brinkley, who joined the Columbia University faculty in 1991, has taught at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard and City University of New York. While at Harvard, he received the Levenson Memorial Teaching Prize.

His books also include the "Voice of Protest: Huey Long, Father Coughlin, and the Great Depression", which won the 1983 American Book Award and "The Unfinished

Nation: A Concise History of the American People."

His essays, articles and reviews have appeared in scholarly journals and in periodicals such as the Review of Books, the New Yorker, the New York Times Book Review, the New York Times Magazine, the New Republic, the Times Literary Supplement and the London Review of Books.

Brinkley has received fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, the Guggenheim Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson Center, the National Humanities Center and the Russell Sage Foundation.

Additionally, he is a Twentieth Century Fund trustee, national advisory board member of the PBS series, "The American Experience," and editorial board member of "The American Prospect."

Sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, the Harry Girvetz lecture honors the memory of the former UCSB philosophy professor. Girvetz was known widely as a writer and liberal political activist in the Democratic Party. His 1974 death ended a 37-year tenure at the university where he influenced both students and campus governance.

Previous lecturers have included Joyce Appleby, a UCLA historian; Archibald Cox, a special Watergate prosecutor; Harry Ashmore, a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer; Ruggero Aldisert, a federal appellate court judge; Gary K. Hart, former state senator from Santa Barbara and Victor Navasky, an editorial director of The Nation.

Editors: Digital images of Alan Brinkley

and the cover art for his last book are available upon request from Andy Sharp at asharp@humanitas.ucsb.edu.

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