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Dear Provosts, Deans, and Emeriti Association Presidents:

UC Los Angeles and UC San Diego Professors Honored with 2017-2018 Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award

The 2017-2018 Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award honoring Emeriti Professors in the University of California system has been awarded to Professor Emeritus of English Henry Ansgar Kelly of UC Los Angeles and Professor Emeritus of Political Science Sandy Lakoff of UC San Diego.

Professors Kelly and Lakoff are the fortieth and forty-first UC Emeriti Professors to receive the Constantine Panunzio Award. Both awardees have especially long and notable records of research, teaching, and service to the University of California, their disciplines, and their communities. The late Dr. Panunzio, a Professor of Sociology at UCLA for many years, has been described as the architect of the UC Retirement System and was particularly active in improving pensions and stipends for his fellow Emeriti. The award bearing his name was established in 1983 and includes a $5,000 prize.

Henry Ansgar Kelly, UC Los Angeles

“Andy” Kelly, Distinguished Research Professor of English, retired in 2004 and his contributions to UCLA and to scholarship since that time have been impressive. His scholarly contributions since retirement include 6 books and 37 papers on a wide range of topics: literature (Chaucer); Roman and Canon Law; History (inquisitions and other ecclesiastical trials; torture; Galileo); Theology (exorcism; heresies); Biblical Studies (textual investigations; English Bible). Most notable is Satan: A Biography published by the Cambridge University Press in 2006. This book became an academic “best seller” and has now been translated into six other languages (French; Italian; Greek; Portuguese; Russian; and Czech). He also published studies on heresy trials including that of Sir Thomas More, and how the English Inquisition differed from its continental counterpart. Andy’s “service” has been two major contributions to the scholarship of the Middle Ages: returning to the editorship the journal Viator: Medieval and Renaissance Studies in 2003. Viator, published by the UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, has an international profile for its scholarship and two generations of graduate assistants have profited from working on it. Andy also directed the digitization of the 1582 edition of Corpus Juris Canonici (Corpus of Canon Law), which is now available on-line for legal and ecclesiastic scholars worldwide.

Sandy Lakoff, UC San Diego

Sandy Lakoff, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, has published 5 books and 24 research articles since his retirement in 1992. He arrived at UCSD as Founding Chair of Political Science in 1974 and for four decades has been a vital support of that department and of the campus. His book, Democracy: History, Theory, Practice, was widely and positively reviewed in both scholarly and popular journals, as was his 1998 biography of the journalist and radical thinker Max Lerner: Max Lerner: Pilgrim in the Promised Land. His most recent book was published in 2011, Ten Political Ideas that Shaped the Modern World. His continual service to UCSD as a teacher and university citizen is remarkable. For 25 years he has offered Master Classes to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute as well as an Extension Division course, “People, Power, and Politics,” for 20 years. He has also continued teaching undergraduate courses on Democracy, Politics and the Environment, and Middle East Politics. He was also, for ten years, the editor of Chronicles, the newsletter of the UCSD Emeriti Association.
Please join the Selection Committee and me in congratulating Professors Kelly and Lakoff on winning the 2017 - 2018 Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Levine
Chair, Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award Selection Committee
Interim Vice Chancellor, Academic Personnel