1998-99 Calendar

October 9:

Mark Burgin, Visiting Scholar, Department of Mathematics, UCLA

Field/Subfield: Mathematics, Logic, Philosophy/ Information and Behavioral Sciences

Topic: "Information and Human Behavior"

(Cosponsored by the Cognitive Science Group)

October 23:

Colin Camerer, Rea A. and Lela G. Axline Professor of Business Economics, California Institute of Technology

Field/Subfield: Economics and Business/ Corporate Strategy, Decision Sciences, and Experimental Economics

Topic: "Experience-Weighted Attraction Learning in Decisions and Games"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Economics and the Center for Comparative Political Economy)

November 6:

Robert Boyd, Professor of Anthropology, UCLA

Field/Subfield: Anthropology/Biological Anthropology

Topic: "Equilibrium Selection and Social Evolution"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Anthropology and Center for Comparative Political Economy)

November 20:

Marcus W. Feldman, Professor of Biological Sciences, Stanford University

Field/Subfield: Biology/Genetic and Cultural Evolution

Topic: "The Sex-Ratio Problem: Cultural Transmission and Demography with Special Reference to China"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Organismic Biology, Ecology and Evolution)

December 4: (to be held in Freud Playhouse)

Albert Carnesale, Chancellor; Professor of Policy Studies, School of Public Policy and Social Research; and Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, School of Engineering and Applied Science, UCLA

Field/Subfield: International Relations and National Security Policy/Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control, Proliferation

Topic: "Nuclear Proliferation: What's New? What's Not? What's Next?"

(Cosponsored by the Dean of the School of Public Policy and Social Research; the Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science; the Department of Policy Studies, School of Public Policy and Social Research; the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, School of Engineering and Applied Science; the Center for International Relations; the Center for Comparative Political Economy; and the UCLA Campus Events Commission.)

January 15:

R. Duncan Luce, Distinguished Research Professor of Cognitive Sciences and Research Professor of Economics, University of California, Irvine and Janos Aczel, Visiting the Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Science, University of California, Irvine and Professor of Mathematics, Emeritus, University of Waterloo, Waterloo (Canada)

Field/Subfield: Psychology/Cognitive Sciences, Measurement and Utility Theory

Topic: "Utility of Uncertain Alternatives and Functional Equations"

(Cosponsored by the Cognitive Science Group)

January 29:

Janos Aczel, Visiting the Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Science, University of California, Irvine and Professor of Mathematics, Emeritus, Waterloo University, Waterloo Canada and R. Duncan Luce, Distinguished Research Professor of Cognitive Sciences and Research Professor of Economics, University of California, Irvine

Field/Subfield: Psychology/Cognitive Sciences, Measurement and Utility Theory

Topic: "Utility of Joint Receipt of Uncertain Alternatives and Functional Equations"

(Cosponsored by the Cognitive Science Group)

February 12: (to be held in Korn Convocation Hall, UCLA Anderson C-314)

James G. March, Professor Emeritus of Management, Higher Education, Political Science, and Sociology, Stanford University

Field/Subfield: Social Science/Decision Theory and Organization Theory

Topic: "Utilities and Identities: The Search for an Interpretation of Action"

(Cosponsored by the Anderson Graduate School of Management, the Center for Comparative Political Economy, the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, and the Department of Political Science)

February 26:

Charles Marshall, Professor of Paleobiology, Department of Earth and Space Sciences, UCLA, also affiliated with the Molecular Biology Institute and the Institute for Geophysics and Planetary Physics, UCLA

Field/Subfield: Molecular Paleobiology/ Evolutionary Biology, Developmental Biology, Molecular and Morphological Systematics, Quantitative Paleobiology

Topic: "Assessing the Rapidity of Mass Extinctions and Elucidating the Mechanisms of Evolutionary Innovation"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Organismic Biology, Ecology and Evolution)

March 12:

John R. Searle, Professor of Philosophy, University of California, Berkeley

Field/Subfield: Philosophy/Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Action

Topic: "Rationality in Action"

(Cosponsored by the Cognitive Science Group and the Center for Comparitive Political Economy)

April 9:

Elisa Jayne Bienenstock, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Stanford University

Field/Subfield: Sociology/ Game Theory and Social Networks

Topic: "Strategic Decision Making and Structural Outcomes"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Sociology)

April 23:

Jack Hirshleifer, Professor of Economics, UCLA

Field/Subfield: Economics/ Price Theory, Conflict and Cooperation

Topic:"The Legal Battle: Application of Warfare Models to Litigation"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Economics, Center for Comparitive Political Economy and the School of Law)

May 7:

Mathew D. McCubbins, Professor of Political Science, University of California, San Diego

Field/Subfield: Political Science/ Political Institutions, Congress, Positive Political Theory

Topic: "Constraining the State Budget Process: A Model of State Government Response to Voter Initiatives and Federal Mandates"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Political Science and the Center for Comparitive Political Economy)

May 21:

Ronald L. Graham, Chief Scientist, AT&T Labs and Irwin and Joan Jacobs Chair of Computer and Information Science, University of California, San Diego

Field/Subfield: Mathematics/ Discrete Mathematics, Computer Science

Topic:"Mathematics and Computers: Recent Successes and Insurmountable Challenges"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Computer Science)

May 28:

Robert C. Berwick, Professor of Computer Science and Computational Linguistics, Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering and Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Field/Subfield: Computer Science and Brain and Cognitive Science/Computational Linguistics; Computational learning theory

Topic: "The New Turing Test"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Linguistics)

June 4:

Rob MacCoun, Professor of Public Policy, Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley

Field/Subfield: Public Policy and Social Psychology/ Individual and Group Decision Making, Criminal and Civil Jury Behavior, Formal and Informal Control of Risky Conduct

Topic: "Is Collective Decision Making More or Less Biased than Individual Decision Making"

(Cosponsored by the Department of Policy Studies, School of Public Policy and Social Research and the Center for Comparitive Political Economy)