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About This Series

The Texas A&M International University Distinguished Lecture Series honors Antonio R. Sánchez Sr. (1916-1992). After 20 years as the owner of an office equipment business, Sánchez in the 1960s began buying oil and gas leases and used his earnings to establish a bank. In 1974, Sánchez and his son, A.R. Sánchez Jr., along with geologists Brian O’Brien, established the Sánchez-O’Brien Oil and Gas Corporation. The same year, the father and son team discovered the largest natural gas field (Webb and Zapata counties) to that point in history.

Under his leadership as chairman, the International Bank of Commerce grew to become the International BancShares Corporation, with currently more than 200 branches in more than 90 communities throughout Texas and Oklahoma including Laredo, Austin, Houston, San Antonio, Zapata, the Lower Rio Grande Valley, the Gulf Coast, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Lawton.

Today, the bank employs more Hispanic men and women in leadership positions than all other Texas banks combined.

A. R. Sánchez Sr. is best remembered in Laredo for his philanthropic efforts. Known for his work, ethic and generosity, he was a major crusader for a four-year University in Laredo and a supporter of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund. He was also a legendary Texas entrepreneur with a down-to-earth sense of humor.

This lecture series is presented through the vision and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sánchez Jr.

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7 p.m.
Robert Rivard: Wednesday, September 20, 2006
“Trail of Feathers”

Robert Rivard began his journalism career as a sports reporter, but he rose to become the executive vice president and editor of the San Antonio Express-News, and spent most of his professional career as a reporter and editor covering Latin America. He opened a full-time bureau in Central America for The Dallas Times Herald and later for Newsweek Magazine where he covered civil wars.

Rivard returned to Texas as deputy managing editor for the San Antonio Express-News, and joined the Express-News as managing editor in 1994.

“Trail of Feathers” is Rivard’s first book and a story of the search for the truth about the 1998 disappearance and murder of Philip True, former Express-News Mexico City bureau chief. It has been widely praised by newspapers and magazines across the country.

Rivard was named “Editor of the Year” by Editor & Publisher Magazine, received the Society of Professional Journalists’ Distinguished Service Award, for Foreign Correspondents, and the Maria Moors Cabot Award from Columbia University.

Rivard received a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Alan Lightman: Tuesday, October 10, 2006
“Einstein in the 21st Century”

Dr. Alan Lightman, novelist, essayist, physicist and professor, has taught physics and astronomy at Harvard University for over 20 years. He is also teaches in the Writing and Humanistic Studies Program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he is an adjunct professor.

In 1991, Dr. Lightman began publishing essays about science, the human side of science, and the “mind of science,” beginning with Smithsonian Magazine and moving to Science, NY Times, Discover, and other magazines. Since then, his essays, short fiction and reviews have appeared in numerous magazines and catalogs.

Lightman’s books have been translated into 30 languages. His work includes The Discovery: Great Breakthroughs in 20th Century Science, including the Original Papers, Einstein’s Dreams and The Einstein Enigma.

He received his B.A. degree in physics from Princeton University in 1970, Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Lauda, and his Ph.D. in theoretical physics from the California Institute of Technology in 1974.

Geoffrey Stone: Wednesday, March 7, 2007
“Free Speech in the Time of War”

Geoffrey R. Stone, Harry Kalven Jr. Distinguished Service Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School, has been a member of the University of Chicago since 1973 and has served as Dean of the University of Chicago Law School and provost of the University of Chicago. He is currently serving as interim chairman of its board of trustees.

He is currently working on a series of volumes for the Oxford University Press and working on several new book projects, including Scala In The Constitution.

As an editor he has been an editor for the Supreme Court Review since 1991 and is the author or co-author of many articles and books on Constitutional law, including Perilous Parchment: Free Speech In the Shadow of the Sedition Act of 1798 in the War on Terrorism, Constitutional Law: The First Amendment, and Eternally Vigilant: Free Speech in the Modern Era.

“Free Speech in the Time of War” is Stone’s new book which argues that the spread of AIDS in Africa is accelerating so quickly that it will soon overtake the disease in Latin America.

Susan Hunter: Monday, April 30, 2007
“AIDS in Africa”

Advocate, acclaimed author and international health consultant, Dr. Susan S. Hunter has devoted herself to bringing awareness to the spread of AIDS orphans suffering in Africa for the past two decades.

Dr. Hunter’s book, Black Death: AIDS in Africa, is an account of AIDS in Africa where 10 percent of the 40 million people in the world currently infected with HIV reside. She also wrote AIDS in America, where Hunter warns that despite the record numbers in the United States, Africa and the Caribbean, there are still more than one million Americans infected with AIDS. In AIDS in Africa: A Continent in Peril, Hunter warns that the spread of AIDS in Africa is accelerating so quickly that it will soon overtake the disease in Latin America.

Hunter is an independent consultant to world health organizations: UNICEF, UNAIDS, USAID and has designed and directed training and strategic planning workshops in Africa for various world organizations.

She has received a Fulbright Fellowship, the Mellon Post Doctoral Research Fellowship from the Australian National University and the Rockefeller Foundation Post-Doctoral Social Sciences Research Fellowship.

Hunter received her B.A. in history from the University of Rhode Island, M.A. in quantitative anthropology from Stone University of New York and her Ph. D. in Medical Anthropology from Stone University of New York at Albany.