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UCSB POET, PROFESSOR SHIRLEY LIM TO DISCUSS WRITING AND READ HER WORK IN 2002 FACULTY RESEARCH LECTURE

Ð Shirley Geok-lin Lim, a professor of English and a widely honored writer and poet, will give the 2002 UC Santa Barbara Faculty Research Lecture Monday, May 20 at 4 p.m. in the McCune Conference Room (Room 6020) of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building on campus. The lecture is free and open to the public._x000B__x000B_ Being chosen the faculty research lecturer for a given year is one of the highest honors UCSB bestows upon its faculty._x000B__x000B_ Lim, who joined the UCSB faculty in 1990, will briefly discuss the history of creative writing at research universities, then will read from her many published poems and articles and stories._x000B__x000B_ Born in Malaysia and of Chinese ancestry, Lim earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from the University of Malaya. She earned her Ph.D. in English and American literature from Brandeis University in Massachusetts in 1973._x000B__x000B_

Since then, she has had a distinguished career as a professor and writer.

At UCSB, she has taught in the Asian American Studies Program, the Women's Studies Program, and in the Department of English. _x000B__x000B_In her writings, she has tried to capture feelings and observations about her own life and family and

what it has been like for her to be a product of multiple lands and cultures.

In so doing, she was won many honors and many fans._x000B__x000B_ Lim twice has won American Book Awards.

The first was in 1990 for "The Forbidden Stich: An Asian American Woman's Anthology."

The second came in 1997 for "Among the White Moon Faces: An Asian American Memoir of Homelands," Lim's fourth book of poetry._x000B__x000B_ In 1980, her first book of poetry, "Crossing the Peninsula," won the Commonwealth Poetry Prize. She published her first novel, "Joss and Gold," to enthusiastic notices in 2001._x000B__x000B_ Lim was featured on television journalist Bill Moyers's 1999 Public Television poetry special, "Fooling with Words."

She recited another of her poems on another Moyers PBS program earlier this year. And in April, she was included with 11 other notable Asian Americans on a government poster commemorating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month._x000B_

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