

VIETNAM WAR HISTORIAN
TO BE FIRST SYDNEY BERGER
LECTURER AT USI



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Dr. George C. Herring, a University of Kentucky professor who is a recognized Vietnam War historian, will be the first Sydney Berger Lecturer on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 21 and 22, at the University of Southern Indiana.

The Sydney Berger Lecture will become an annual event at the University to encourage public discussion of social and religious issues. The lecture was established through an anonymous donation honoring the late Evansville attorney as an outstanding citizen and former part-time faculty member at USI. The committee selected Dr. Herring as an appropriate opening lecturer, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Gulf of Tonkin episode and the escalation of American involvement in the Vietnam War.

Dr. Herring is the author of America's Longest War: The United States and Vietnam, 1950-1975, published in 1985 by Knopf and now in its second edition. Dr. Darrel E. Bigham, USI professor of history who is using the book in his classes, said it is "the most comprehensive study to date of American involvement in the Vietnam war. Dr. Herring has received critical acclaim for its balance."

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Dr. Herring will deliver a public lecture on "Vietnam, American Foreign Policy, and the Uses of History" at 7:30 p.m. on February 21 in UC350. He will lecture on "Vietnam as History" in a sociology class at 10 a.m. February 22 in Forum I, also open to the public, and will be available to meet with students and faculty during a luncheon meeting at 12 noon in the President's Suite.

Dr. Herring is chairman of UK's Department of History, was the University's 1988 Distinguished Professor, and is 1989 president of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. He has been at the University of Kentucky since 1969 and previously taught at Ohio University. He is a graduate of Roanoke College and the University of Virginia.

Dr. Herring's other publications have included Aid to Russia, 1941-1946: Strategy, Diplomacy, the Origins of the Cold War, published in 1973 by Columbia University Press; The Diaries of Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., 1943-1946, published in 1975 by New Viewpoints; The Secret Diplomacy of the Vietnam War: The Negotiating Volumes of the Pentagon Papers, published in 1983 by the University of Texas Press; and The Central America Crisis, published in 1985 by Scholarly Resources. He also has had articles published in the Journal of American History, Political Science Quarterly, Diplomatic History, Virginia Quarterly Review, and Military Affairs. He was editor of Diplomatic History from 1982 to 1986.