



UC San Diego Foundation Trustee



Judith Morgan

Judith Morgan first landed in San Diego in the '60s by way of Oklahoma, Montana and Argentina; it would be the beginning of many such landings. A world-roaming journalist, her weekly syndicated travel column, first published in the *Los Angeles Times* in 1975 and the winner of numerous awards from the Society of American Travel Writers, San Diego Press Club and California Press Association, has taken her into some interesting corners of the globe. But for sustaining her interest, she has always returned home to La Jolla where she and husband Neil Morgan wear the interwoven mantles of reporter and historian.

Judith's intimacy with UC San Diego's history is a result of covering the fledgling UC San Diego campus as a reporter for *The San Diego Union* in the late 1960s (see <http://alumni.ucsd.edu/magazine/vol1no3/features/beginning.htm>), and co-authoring a biography of Roger Revelle with Neil in 1996. She also served as interviewer and editor for an oral history interviews of Ellen Clark Revelle, published by Scripps Institution of Oceanography in 1999, and co-authored the biography, *Dr. Seuss & Mr. Geisel* (Random House, 1995), a study of the acclaimed children's author for whom UC San Diego's Geisel Library is named.

Today Judith could be considered less an observer at UC San Diego and more an active participant in the unfolding of the university's future. In addition to her position as trustee and Nominating Committee Chair on the UC San Diego Foundation, she is also involved with Friends of the Library, sits on the UCSD-TV Community Advisory Board and is serving a second term on the UC San Diego Board of Overseers as Vice Chair; her first go-round was as a founding member in the 1970s.

Off campus, Judith has served on the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation board, later Scripps Health, and is a trustee emeritus of the Foundation of her alma mater, the University of Montana, a board known to hold its winter meetings in places like Coronado! She received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2008.



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Judith grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the daughter of journalists. After graduating from the university, she spent a year in Buenos Aires on a graduate fellowship from the InterAmerican Press Association, studying under Jorge Luis Borges and interviewing such as characters as Ernesto “Che” Guevara.

Settling in San Diego was the result of meeting James S. Copley, then on the IAPA board, which led to a job interview with *San Diego Union* Editor Herb Klein. She took the job, met Neil, and the rest is... well, in this case it really is history.

Judith brings to the Foundation a journalist’s nature to question and sensitivity to the public’s scrutiny and perception of the university. She has known and/or worked with each of UC San Diego’s chancellors over the years, which gives her an unusually rich inside view of the evolution of an institution that has been remarkable from the start.