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OSCAR LEWIS TO LECTURE AT UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, AFTERNOON AND EVENING

Oscar Lewis, eminent anthropologist and author of The Children of Sanchez, will speak on "The Culture of Poverty" on Tuesday evening, March 1, at 8:15 P.M. in the Auditorium of the University Museum, 33rd and Spruce Streets. Open to the general public without charge, the lecture is one of the Adolf and Felicia Leon Lecture Series sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Pennsylvania.

Preceding his Leon Lecture, Mr. Lewis will speak on "Field Methods in the Study of the Culture of Poverty" on March 1 at 3:00 P.M. in Room 126 of the Annenberg School of Communication. This is also open to the public free of charge.

For the past twenty years, Mr. Lewis has been actively engaged in the study of other cultures. From his first visit to Mexico in 1943, Mexican peasants and city dwellers have been his major interest. Life in a Mexican Village Tepoztlan Restudied, a landmark in community studies, initiated a whole new trend in independent restudies in anthropology.

Mr. Lewis first introduced the Sanchez family in Five Families, a book that is widely regarded as a classic of its kind. He plans to follow The Children of Sanchez with further studies of the Sanchez family and its descendants. In 1964 Mr. Lewis published Pedro Martinez, a Mexican Peasant and His Family. This year he will publish a book titled In The Life - A Puerto Rican Slum Family in San Juan and New York.

Mr. Lewis received his Ph.D. in Anthropology from Columbia University in 1940, and has been a Professor of Anthropology at the University of Illinois since 1948. He was field representative in Latin America for the United States National Institute (1943-44), consulting anthropologist for the Ford Foundation in India (1952-54), and is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship.