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## **FINDING THE ED** The Work and Insights of Edward O. Thorp

ON DISPLAY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019 -THROUGH MARCH 2020 LANGSON LIBRARY MURIEL ANSLEY REYNOLDS EXHIBIT GALLERY

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### Welcome to the UCI Libraries' 2019 Spring Exhibit!

Finding the Edge: The work and insights of Edward O. Thorp highlights the extraordinarily diverse life and career of Edward O. Thorp. As a UCI founding professor of mathematics, bestselling author, hedge fund manager and blackjack player, this exhibit features Thorp's mathematical odyssey from academia, to the casinos of Las Vegas, and the trading desks of Wall Street.

We are honored to have Thorp as our distinguished speaker at the opening night event on Monday, November 4, 2019. The exhibit includes select writings and memorabilia showcasing his personal and professional papers throughout his impressive career. Thorp was a founding member of the UCI mathematics department and became a professor who mathematically proved card-counting gives every player an edge. Thorp also funded an endowment to attract a preeminent professor in mathematics. To beat roulette, he and Claude Shannon invented the first wearable computer. Along



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with innovative applications of probability theory, Thorp is also The New York Times bestselling author of "Beat the Dealer," the first book to mathematically prove that the house advantage in blackjack could be overcome by card-counting. He also pioneered the use of quantitative investment techniques in the financial markets and has been called the "Godfather of Quants."

In 2013, Thorp received the UCI Alumni Association's highest honor, the Lauds & Laurels Extraordinarius. award, which recognizes outstanding individuals for their service to community, professional excellence and campus involvement.

This exhibit provides an inspirational view of Edward O. Thorp's boundless curiosity and intellectual drive towards

"finding the edge" in science and business. The exhibit will be on display through March 2020 during regular library hours. I invite you to explore the exhibit, and to view additional thought-provoking exhibits at the UCI Libraries in the future.

**Lorelei Tanji** University Librarian Special Collections & Archives



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Major collections include the Southeast Asian Archive, the University Archives, the Critical Theory Archive, as well as in-depth collections on Orange County and California history, dance, performing arts, 20th century political pamphlets, artists' and rare books, small press and others.

