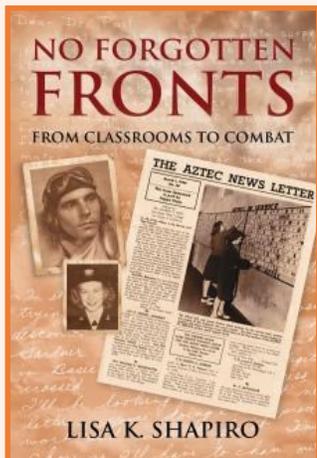
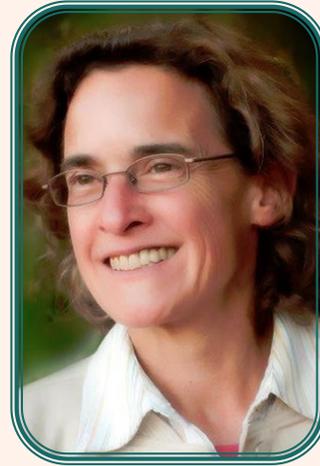


Author Presentation

Lisa Shapiro

Thursday, April 26

at 6:30pm in the Winn Room



No Forgotten Fronts:

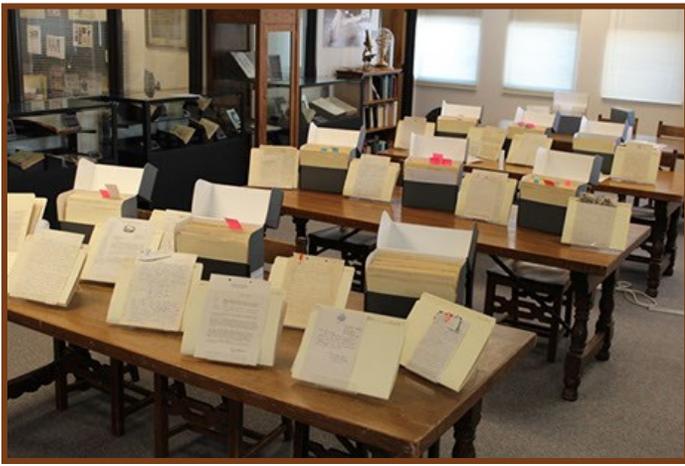
Told through the voices of a college community, this is a universal story of struggle and sacrifice in the fight for democracy and the preservation of American values.

Book sale and signing reception will follow the author's talk.

Lisa K. Shapiro is an Assistant Professor of Business at San Diego Mesa College. She holds degrees in Management and Literature, and has taught composition and creative writing in San Diego.

Lisa began teaching in 2003, and her community college classrooms have always been filled with veterans. As a creative writing instructor, she encouraged the soldiers, sailors, and Marines who were transitioning back to student life to put their stories on paper.

Shapiro spent more than two years researching the correspondence between young service men and service women and one trusted professor to write **No Forgotten Fronts**.



World War II San Diego State College
Servicemen's Correspondence
Collection, 1941-1946, displayed in the
reading room, Special Collections and
University Archives, SDSU.

At the beginning of World War II, a professor from San Diego State College asked students entering military service to write to him. For the next five years, thousands of letters from places like Pearl Harbor, North Africa, and Normandy began with the salutation, "Dear Doc," and described vivid accounts of training, combat, and camaraderie.

Students and their families penned more than 4,500 letters to Dr. Post. Pilots wrote about seeing planes shot down. Men in POW camps sent word about the location of other prisoners, and Dr. Post passed information on to frantic families. Mothers, hoping for news about missing sons, clutched at the details. WACS and WAVES hinted about bomb tests and surveillance. Friends labored over eulogies for their classmates. These intimate, first-person accounts captured honesty, sympathy, raw grief, and wonder.

Every month, Dr. Post mailed hundreds of newsletters to his Fighting Aztecs around the globe. He never lost track of his students, even on the "forgotten fronts." He assured them that everyone at home was praying for their safe return.

For years afterward, men and women dropped by his small campus office to thank him for helping them make it through the war. This is the story of the devotion of a remarkable college professor who held his students, their campus, and an entire community together during World War II. These students fought for democracy and to preserve a cherished way of life that included football, Coca-Cola, and Sadie Hawkins dances. Their correspondences to one beloved professor describe an American perspective of war that shines with idealism, determination, raw grief, and the power of friendship.

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