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Berkeley Talks

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Steve Kerr

Head Coach, Golden State Warriors

In Conversation with Chancellor Nicholas B. Dirks

BERKELEY TALKS is a series of conversations that brings together international thought leaders, public scholars, creators, and innovators to examine the distinctive issues of our time. These luminaries will engage in dialogue at the sometimes surprising nexus between their area of expertise and the University's core mission, celebrating the Chancellor's vision of a vibrant, engaged, and forward-looking campus culture.

Steve Kerr, now entering his third season as head coach of the Golden State Warriors, led the most successful campaign of any first-year coach in NBA history in 2014-15, an effort that culminated in the team claiming its fourth NBA Championship in franchise history and its first in 40 years. Kerr followed his inaugural campaign by winning the 2015-16 NBA Coach of the Year Award and leading the Warriors to an NBA-record 73 wins in the 2015-16 season as well as a 2016 NBA Finals appearance.

Kerr has 28 years of experience as an NBA player, coach, analyst, and front office executive. Having advanced to the playoffs 11 times during his playing career, he is one of only 26 players in NBA history to win five championships, earning three rings with the Bulls and two with the San Antonio Spurs. The NBA's all-time three-point percentage leader, Kerr converted on 45.4 percent of his attempts from long range and amassed career averages of 6.0 points, 1.8 assists, and 1.2 rebounds in 910 regular-season games.

Born in Beirut, Lebanon, and raised in Pacific Palisades, California, Kerr completed his degree in general studies with an emphasis in history, sociology, and English at the University of Arizona, where he was an All-Pac 10 guard in 1986 and 1988 and remains the school's career leader in three-point field goal percentage.

Kerr and his wife, Margot, have two sons, Nicholas and Matthew, and one daughter, Madeleine. Nick received his degree from the University of San Diego in 2015 and is completing graduate studies at the University of California, Berkeley, where he played as a walk-on for the Bears' basketball team for one season. Madeleine is a senior at UC Berkeley and a member of the volleyball team. Matthew is a freshman at the USC School of Cinematic Arts.

In addition to his coaching, Kerr serves on the board of directors for Peace Players International, an organization that uses basketball to

bridge cultural gaps in areas of political, racial, and religious conflict.



Nicholas B. Dirks became the 10th chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley, on June 1, 2013. An internationally renowned historian and anthropologist, he is a leader in higher education and is well-known for his commitment to and advocacy for accessible, high-quality undergraduate education in the liberal arts and sciences, to the globalization of the university, and to innovation across the disciplines as well as in applied and basic fields.

Before coming to Berkeley, he was the executive vice president for the arts and sciences and dean of the faculty at Columbia University, where, in addition to his work on behalf of undergraduate programs, he improved and diversified the faculty, putting special emphasis on interdisciplinary and international initiatives. The Franz Boas Professor of Anthropology and History, Chancellor Dirks joined Columbia in 1997 as chair of the anthropology department. Prior to his appointment at Columbia, he was a professor of history and anthropology at the University of Michigan for 10 years, before which he taught Asian history and civilization at the California Institute of Technology.

Chancellor Dirks has held numerous fellowships and scholarships and received several scholarly honors, including a MacArthur Foundation residential fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, a Guggenheim fellowship, and the Lionel Trilling Award for his book *Castes of Mind*. He serves on numerous national and international bodies, as adviser or member of the board, and is a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.