The Mind of the Collector

Sunday June 10, 2012 • 2 – 5 pm
at the home of
Cindy & David Ruderman
Rancho Palos Verdes

Since its inauguration in 2006 the Intrepid Collector Series has focused on issues commonly faced by collectors in their passionate quest: collecting in a high-risk era, conserving the materials, and/or disposing the collection in a way that maximizes family and financial concerns. Now the focus is inward – what personality traits link collectors from other beings? As the fifth in our series on the Intrepid Collector, we will focus on the art, method, and psychology of collecting.

Please join us at the home of Dr. David and Cindy Ruderman. Their Mediterranean style home overlooks the Pacific and, on a clear day, Catalina. We will have an opportunity to view their eclectic mix of ethnographic material from around the world - tribal sculpture and textiles from Africa, New Guinea, Indonesia and the Americas. The collection was born of an unsatisfied wanderlust and an early interest in anthropology. “If you can't go live among the natives bring their stuff to you.” David, a practicing psychiatrist, will give a talk on the psychology of collecting from a professional as well as an insider's point of view. What separates a collector from someone who is merely decorating? How is collecting often like a high-wire act? How do collectors differ from hoarders? What about OCD? Don't worry! Remember the Rudermans collect!

Refreshment will be served at our 10th program of the year. Please RSVP by June 7th at the latest to feelie@ucla.edu or call (310) 454-7851. Limited to 45 persons.