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## 2010 Senator George J. Mitchell Lecture on Sustainability

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**CULTURAL AFFAIRS/DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES**  
**GRANT APPLICATION**

I. Applicant/Organization: Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental & Watershed Research

II. a. Responsible Organization Officer: David Hart

b. Title: Director

c. Campus Address: 5710 Norman Smith Hall, 581-3257, david.hart@umit.maine.edu

III. Summary of program requiring funding (title; featured artist(s); speaker(s); scheduled date(s):

2010 Senator George J. Mitchell Lecture on Sustainability

On Thursday, October 21st, 2010 the Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental & Watershed Research will host the annual Senator George J. Mitchell Lecture on Sustainability.

Elinor Ostrom, winner of the 2009 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences, will be the keynote speaker at the event. Senator Mitchell has indicated that (contingent on his roles as President Obama's Special Envoy to the Middle East) he also plans to attend and speak at the Lecture.

IV. Budget Proposal Form must be attached.

**Funding for current application is contingent upon submission of reports for any previous grant awards, including final budget and attendance figures.**

**SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION VIA EMAIL TO:** [wanda.maddencarr@maine.edu](mailto:wanda.maddencarr@maine.edu)

For questions regarding the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series, please contact Wanda Madden-Carr at 1-1516

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\$2,000

## Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series Fund Budget Proposal Form

Applicant/Organization: Senator George J. Mitchell Center  
 Responsible Officer: David Hart  
 Event Title: Senator George J. Mitchell Lecture on Sustainability  
 Event Date: October 21, 2010

Total Program Budget: \$9564  
 Amount Committed by Applicant Organization: \$1000  
 Total Amount Requested from Other Funding Sources: \$3804

Please List Sources & Amounts below:

*We have co-sponsorship commitments (amount still to be determined) from UMaine's School of Policy & International Affairs, School of Economics, and Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center. We have also asked Maine EPSCoR and the School of Marine Sciences if they would like to sponsor the event. We will request sponsorship (\$2500) from Michael Boyton, Smith Barney who sponsored the lecture in 2007 and 2008 and we will submit a grant application (\$1000) to the Maine Humanities Council who supported the 2008 lecture.*

Amount Requested from CA/DLS Committee: \$4760\*  
 Revenues, if any, expected (fees, ticket sales): N/A

| Budget Breakdown of Expenses and funds to be used:   | CADLS  | Other  |
|--|--------|--------|
| Honoraria/Services (explain below)<br><i>Honorarium for keynote speaker, auditorium rental, on-campus signage, parking services, grounds expenses, security.</i> | \$1090 | \$1079 |
| Travel<br><i>Airfare and car hire for two people.</i>  | \$400  | \$850  |
| Lodging/Meals  | \$220  | \$220  |
| Advertising  | \$180  | \$0    |
| Printing   | \$1670 | \$65   |
| Supplies and Materials   | \$0    | \$950  |
| Other (must specify below)<br><i>Postage, sign language interpreter, photographer videographer, gifts, salary &amp; benefits for temp. staff</i>                 | \$1200 | \$1640 |

Total Expenses from CA/DLS funds: \$4760\*  
 Total Expenses from other funds: \$4804  
 (These two totals should equal the "Total Program Budget" listed above)

\*These amounts should be identical and should not exceed 50% of the total program/event budget. Please note that CA/DLS funds may not be used for receptions and do not normally fund UM employee wages. If an award is granted based on this proposal, reimbursement of expenses will not exceed the total CA/DLS request and will be limited to the types of expenditures outlined above.

## **2010 Senator George J. Mitchell Lecture on Sustainability**

On Thursday, October 21, 2010, the Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental & Watershed Research (Mitchell Center) will host the annual Senator George J. Mitchell Lecture on Sustainability. Note that with Senator Mitchell's approval, we have changed the name of the event from the *Lecture on the Environment* to the *Lecture on Sustainability* to reflect the new direction of the Mitchell Center and the Sustainability Solutions Initiative.

This event is free and open to all. It will take place from 1pm-3pm at Wells Conference Center, University of Maine, Orono. Our keynote speaker for the event will be ***Elinor Ostrom, winner of the 2009 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences*** (shared with Oliver E. Williamson). Senator Mitchell has indicated that (contingent on his roles as President Obama's Special Envoy to the Middle East) he also plans to attend and speak at the Lecture. President Robert Kennedy will provide the welcoming address.

The central goal of the Mitchell Center is to help search for, implement, and evaluate policies and practices that protect ecosystems while improving economic well-being and fostering strong communities in Maine, New England, and beyond. Our overall strategy for achieving this goal is to transform the way we create and support interdisciplinary teams within the university as well as work to meet the needs of stakeholders. In essence, we want to link knowledge to action more effectively.

Our vision for the Mitchell Lecture on Sustainability is to bring together people from across Maine who seek a clearer understanding of the economic, social and environmental challenges and opportunities we face, and to present constructive options that will facilitate a renewed commitment to the development of collaborative approaches to problem solving.

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:**

#### **Elinor Ostrom**

Elinor Ostrom was awarded the 2009 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences, an achievement that honors a lifetime of groundbreaking research, teaching, and scholarship. She is the first woman to win the prize in economics, which has been awarded since 1969. She shares the award with Oliver Williamson, Edgar F. Kaiser Professor Emeritus of Business, Economics, and Law at the University of California, Berkeley. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said Ostrom's 'research brought this topic from the fringe to the forefront of scientific attention', "by showing how common resources—forests, fisheries, oil fields or grazing lands, can be managed successfully by the people who use them, rather than by governments or private companies".

In particular, Ostrom's work emphasizes how humans interact with ecosystems to maintain long-term sustainable resource yields. Common pool resources include many forests, fisheries, oil fields, grazing lands, and irrigation systems. She conducted her field studies on the management of pasture by locals in Africa and irrigation systems management in villages of western Nepal. Ostrom's work has considered how societies have developed diverse "institutional arrangements" for managing natural resources and avoiding ecosystem collapse in many cases, even though

some arrangements have failed to prevent resource exhaustion. Her current work emphasizes the multifaceted nature of human–ecosystem interaction and argues against any singular "panacea" for solving complex problems involving coupled social and ecological systems.

Ostrom earned her Ph.D. in Political Science in 1965 from the University of California, Los Angeles. She is the Arthur F. Bentley Professor of Political Science and Professor at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University, Bloomington. She is also Founding Director of the Center for the Study of Institutions, Population, and Environmental Change at Indiana University and the Center for the Study of Institutional Diversity at Arizona State University. She was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in spring, 1991, and a member of the National Academy of Science in 2001.

She has authored or co-authored the following books: *Understanding Knowledge as a Commons: From Theory to Practice* (2007); *Understanding Institutional Diversity* (2005); *The Samaritans' Dilemma* (2005); *Trust and Reciprocity: Interdisciplinary Lessons from Experimental Research* (2003); *Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action* (1990).

### **Senator George J. Mitchell**

Senator Mitchell is one of the most widely recognized and inspirational leaders in Maine. Since leaving the Senate, where he was instrumental in the passage of bills that changed U.S. policy in a number of areas, he has garnered a world-wide reputation for problem solving in both private and public arenas. In January 2009, President Barack Obama appointed Senator Mitchell special envoy to the Middle East. He was also named on Time Magazine's 2008 list of the 100 most influential people.

Senator Mitchell entered the U.S. Senate in 1980 when he was appointed to complete the unexpired term of Senator Edmund S. Muskie. He went on to an illustrious career in the Senate that spanned 14 years. In January 1989, he became Senate majority leader, a position he held until he left the Senate in 1995.

While in the Senate, Senator Mitchell led the successful 1990 reauthorization of the Clean Air Act, including new controls on acid rain toxins. He was the author of the first national oil spill prevention and cleanup law. Senator Mitchell led the Senate to passage of the nation's first child care bill and was principal author of the low-income housing tax credit program. He was instrumental in the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and his efforts led to the passage of a higher education bill that expanded opportunities for millions of Americans.

In 1996, Senator Mitchell was asked to chair the peace negotiations in Northern Ireland. Senator Mitchell led the negotiations for two years, work that ultimately resulted in a historic accord that ended decades of conflict. He has received numerous awards and honors recognizing his service in the peace talks. These include the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor the U.S. government can give, the Philadelphia Liberty Medal, the Truman Institute Peace Prize, the German Peace Prize, and the United Nations (UNESCO) Peace Prize.

Senator Mitchell served as Chairman of the Global Board of DLA Piper, an international law firm. He also served as chairman of the board of The Walt Disney Company and is chancellor of The Queen's University of Northern Ireland. He served as chairman of the International Crisis

Group, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of crises in international affairs, as chairman of the Special Commission investigating allegations of impropriety in the bidding process for the Olympic Games, and as chairman of the National Health Care Commission.

At the request of President Bill Clinton and Israeli and Palestinian leaders, Senator Mitchell served as chairman of an international fact-finding committee on violence in the Middle East. The committee's recommendation, widely known as The Mitchell Report, was endorsed by the Bush Administration, the European Union, and many other governments.

Senator Mitchell is the author of four books: *Men of Zeal*, co-authored with his colleague, then-Senator William S. Cohen, on the Iran-Contra investigation; *World on Fire*, speaking to the threat of the greenhouse effect and recommending steps to curb it; *Not For America Alone: The Triumph of Democracy and The Fall of Communism*; and *Making Peace*, an account of his experiences in Northern Ireland.

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*and*  
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*c/o Wanda Madden-Carr*  
*201 Alumni Hall*  
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April 9, 2010

To: David Hart

From: Dorothy Croall & Dan Sandweiss, Co-Chairs

On behalf of the Cultural Affairs Committee and Distinguished Lecture Series, it gives us great pleasure to inform you that your proposal, 2010 Senator George J. Mitchell Lecture, has been awarded \$2000.00.

Please contact Wanda Madden-Carr at 1-1516 to discuss the procedures in place for the submission of financial expenses related to this award at your earliest convenience.

The following acknowledgement is required on ALL promotional material: *This event was supported in part by a grant from the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series.*

Attached is a form for your use to summarize the benefits derived from this grant. This form should be submitted within 30 days after the conclusion of the event. Timely submission of your summary will be considered as part of any future funding requests.

The Cultural Affairs Committee members congratulate you and wish you much success on this project.

cc: Ruth Hallsworth