



The Fifty-eighth Annual

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BOUDLER, March 27 – The Fifty-eighth Annual Conference on World Affairs will be held **April 10-14, 2006** on the University of Colorado’s Boulder campus. The week’s broad array of panels, plenaries and performances are all free and open to the public. The full schedule of 220 events and biographies of over 100 prolific participants may be viewed online at www.colorado.edu/cwa.

Former CIA Director **Jim Woolsey** will kick off the week with the keynote address “Energy, Security and the Long War of the 21st Century” on **Monday, April 10, 11:30 a.m.** in Macky Auditorium. Woolsey was the director of the Central Intelligence Agency from 1993 to 1995. He has held presidential appointments in two Democratic and two Republican administrations. He is currently distinguished advisor to The Foundation for the Defense of Democracies and also lectures and contributes articles on foreign affairs, national security, intelligence, and energy.

Marine Colonel **B. P. McCoy** will deliver a plenary address, “The Passion of Command: The Moral Imperative of Leadership,” on **Tuesday, April 11, Noon** in the UMC Center Ballroom. McCoy led the 3rd Battalion 4th Marine Regiment through two combat tours in Iraq. It was this unit that pulled down the Saddam statue in Firdos Square in April 2003. McCoy is an author on combat leadership and is also the subject of the book *McCoy’s Marines: Darkside to Baghdad* by embedded reporter John Koopman.

Immediately following McCoy’s speech on **Tuesday, April 11**, current U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait **Richard LeBaron** will address the topic “Does the Middle East Want Democracy” **at 1 p.m.** in the UMC Center Ballroom. LeBaron is a graduate of the University of Colorado and has served as a diplomat for 26 years in eight countries. He

has been an avid promoter of the expansion of exchange programs between young people from the Middle East and the United States, and views such investments in human capital as critical to long-term U.S. strategic interests in the Middle East.

Medea Benjamin's plenary address "Ending the War...Now" is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 12 at noon** in Macky Auditorium. An advocate for social justice for over 20 years, Benjamin is co-founder of the international human rights organization Global Exchange and the high-profile women's peace group CODEPINK. She has been described as "one of America's most committed—and most effective—fighters for human rights" by *Newsday* and called "one of the high profile leaders of the peace movement" by the *Los Angeles Times*.

Following Benjamin's speech, American Civil Liberties Union executive director **Anthony Romero** will deliver the Howard Higman Memorial Lecture "Liberty vs. Security" on **Wednesday, April 12 at 1:30 p.m.** in Macky Auditorium. Under Romero's leadership, the ACLU has worked tirelessly to protect civil liberties and to hold government officials accountable for the treatment of detainees at Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo, and in Afghanistan. Other new ACLU initiatives developed since Romero became executive director in 2001 have focused on racial justice, religious freedom, gay rights, reproductive freedom, and privacy.

Also on **Wednesday, April 12**, "the real" **Patch Adams** will appear in a performance lecture entitled "I Want a Love Revolution" at **4:30 p.m. in the Flatirons Theater**. Adams is the founder and director of the Gesundheit! Institute, a holistic medical community that has provided free medical care to thousands of patients since it began in 1971. As a physician, activist, professional clown, and performer, Adams has been putting into practice the idea that "healing should be a loving human interchange, not a business transaction" for 35 years.

Molly Ivins is a syndicated columnist who writes about "Texas, national politics, and other bizarre happenings." She will examine "Misunderestimated Challenges and the Need for New Strategies" (sic) on **Thursday, April 13 at noon** in Macky Auditorium. Ivins, a celebrated humorist and longtime favorite at the CWA, is a three-time Pulitzer Prize finalist and author of *Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?; Nothin' But Good Times Ahead; You Got to Dance with Them What Brung You: Politics in the Clinton Years;* and *Shrub: The Short But Happy Political Life of George W. Bush*.

Timothy Wirth returns to Boulder to deliver the plenary address "America's Values—Perceived and Real" on **Friday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m.** in the UMC Center Ballroom. Wirth, after representing Colorado for two decades in both the U.S. Congress and U.S. Senate, is now president of the United Nations Foundation and Better World Fund in Washington, D.C.

Conference week's final plenary session will be a spectacular duet piano performance, "**Dual-Logue**" at **2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 14** in Macky Auditorium by **Don and**

Dave Grusin. The Grusin brothers are both CU alumni and celebrated musicians. **Dave** has written over 40 film scores and received 10 Grammy awards, and seven Academy Award nominations, including an Oscar in 1988 for the musical score of *The Milagro Beanfield War*. **Don** has recorded 18 solo albums on various labels and produced many more, including the Grammy-winning *Musican* for Ernie Watts. This past year he received a Grammy nomination for the DVD and CD *The Hang*. Don was recently named the recipient of CU's Alumni Association's 2006 George Norlin Award for distinguished lifetime achievement.

The University of Colorado's Conference on World Affairs was founded in 1948, originally as a forum on international affairs. CWA expanded rapidly to encompass music, literature, environment, science, journalism, visual arts, diplomacy, technology, spirituality, film, politics, business, medicine, human rights and so on.

Every year in April approximately 100 participants representing a wide range of expertise gather in Boulder for what *The New York Times* calls "a week-long extravaganza of discussion and debate" on over 200 non-academic, cross-disciplinary panels, plenary sessions and performances.

The Conference challenges its participants to discuss a wide-range of issues on an impromptu basis—offering a refreshing alternative to the specialized gatherings of academia and the business world. According to columnist Molly Ivins, CWA panels offer "astonishing, cross-disciplinary insights, whole new ways of looking at old questions and information that can transform the way you look at things." Ebert, who has made the annual trek to Boulder in April as a participant for 37 years, has dubbed the CWA the "Conference on Everything Conceivable."

Past participants include Studs Terkel, Simon Hoggart, Andrei Codrescu, R. E. "Ted" Turner, Steve Allen, Paolo Soleri, Yitzhak Rabin, Ralph Nader, Norman Cousins, Henry Kissinger, Arthur Miller, Howard Nemerov, R. Buckminster Fuller, George McGovern and Eleanor Roosevelt.

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