



The Sixtieth Annual

Conference on World Affairs

“Who, How & Why”

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SIXTIETH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WORLD AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN:

“U.S.-Mideast Relations: The Cost of a Damaged Dialogue”

BOULDER – The University of Colorado’s Conference on World Affairs will celebrate its Sixtieth Annual Conference **April 7-11, 2008** 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 over 200 events and all participant biographies may be viewed online at www.colorado.edu/cwa

Wendy Chamberlin, former U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan (2001-02), will deliver the opening keynote address, ***U.S.-Mideast Relations: The Cost of a Damaged Dialogue*** at **11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 7** in Macky Auditorium on the University of Colorado’s Boulder campus.

Ambassador Chamberlin is current president of the Middle East Institute in Washington, D.C. Previously, she served as deputy high commissioner for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (2004-06), where she helped provide vision and leadership for humanitarian operations.

As assistant administrator in the Asia-Near East Bureau for USAID (2002-04), Chamberlin promoted expansion of civilian reconstruction programs in Iraq and as well as development assistance programs in South Asia and the Middle East.

Chamberlin was in the U.S. diplomatic service from 1975 to 2004. Prior to Pakistan, she served as Ambassador to the Laos People’s Democratic Republic (1996-1999), among other postings in Morocco, Pakistan, Malaysia, and Zaire.

Past Conference on World Affairs plenary speakers include Studs Terkel, Joe Biden, Charles Krauthammer, Andrei Codrescu, Ted Turner, Yitzhak Rabin, Ralph Nader, Henry Kissinger, Arthur Miller, Howard Nemerov, Buckminster Fuller, George McGovern and Eleanor Roosevelt.

The University of Colorado's CWA was founded in 1948, originally as a forum on international affairs. The Conference 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." Roger Ebert, who made the annual trek to Boulder in April as a participant for 38 years, has dubbed the CWA the "Conference on Everything Conceivable."

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