



*The Sixtieth Annual*

## Conference on World Affairs

*“Who, How & Why”*

### Rachel Maddow Plenary Address

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**SIXTIETH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WORLD AFFAIRS  
ANNOUNCES AIR AMERICA’S RACHEL MADDOW TO DELIVER  
PLENARY ADDRESS and BROADCAST LIVE DAILY**

***Bomb, Bomb, Bomb, Bomb, Bomb Iran***

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](http://www.colorado.edu/cwa)

**Rachel Maddow**, Air America radio show host and MSNBC political analyst, will deliver the Molly Ivins Freedom Fightin Memorial Plenary address entitled, ***Bomb, Bomb, Bomb, Bomb, Bomb Iran*** at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 10** in Macky Auditorium on the University of Colorado’s Boulder campus.

Maddow remembers, “The late great Molly Ivins reminded us that ‘The United States of America is still run by its citizens. The government works for us. Rank imperialism and warmongering are not American traditions or values. We do not need to dominate the world. We want and need to work with other nations. We want to find solutions other than killing people.’”

Maddow goes on to say, “How I would love to know Molly's take on efforts to start the next war by conflating Iran and Al Qaeda (here we go again!) and by setting the idea of bombing Iran to the tune of the most insipid Beach Boys hit ever.”

“I can't tell you what Molly would think about this nonsense, but I will absolutely tell you what I think about it, and hope that in the great peanut-shell-laden-barroom-in-the sky, Molly's proud of what CWA's done in her name.”

This year Maddow will also be broadcasting Air America's *The Rachel Maddow Show* live from the Conference on World Affairs in UMC 235 from 4 to 7 p.m. (MDT). Maddow's background is in commercial radio and political activism. She has a doctorate in politics from Oxford University and a degree in public policy from Stanford. She was the first openly gay American to win a Rhodes Scholarship

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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