October Conference to Address Native American Health and Welfare Policy

On October 22-24, 1998, the Morris K. Udall Foundation, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy will jointly sponsor a conference on Native American health and welfare policy.

U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna Shalala; U.S. Senator John McCain (R-AZ); Governor William Anoatubby of the Chickasaw Nation; and Chairman Wayne Taylor of the Hopi Tribe will speak at the conference.

The conference will focus on potential solutions to the major health-care policy challenges facing Native American communities. Through presentations, analysis, and discussion, the conference will yield recommendations on key policy issues such as reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act; federal, state, and tribal relations; leveraging of additional financial resources; and development of a practical health-policy research agenda to inform future discussions about Native American health care.

The event will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel in Tucson. Contact conference coordinator Valerie Adair at <vadair@u.arizona.edu> or (520) 621-7189, or visit the Udall Center Web site at <udallcenter.arizona.edu> for more information.

Stephen Cornell Becomes Udall Center's New Director

On July 1st, Stephen Cornell became the director of the Udall Center. He is also professor of sociology and of public administration and policy at The University of Arizona and serves as co-director of the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development headquartered at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Cornell holds a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He taught at Harvard University for nine years before moving in 1989 to the University of California, San Diego, where he was a professor of sociology until his arrival at The University of Arizona.

Cornell has written widely on Indian affairs, economic development, collective identity, and ethnic and race relations. He is author of The Return of the Native: American Indian Political Resurgence; co-editor of What Can Tribes Do? Strategies and Institutions in American Indian Economic Development (with Joseph P. Kalt); and co-author of Ethnicity and Race: Making Identities in a Changing World (with Douglas Hartmann).

Cornell has spent much of the past decade working with Indian nations in the United States and Canada on economic development, tribal governance, and tribal policy issues.

At the Udall Center, Cornell will establish and develop programs on American Indian policy.
Udall Center Coordinates Public-Input Process for Upper San Pedro Initiative

From June 15 to August 14, 1998, the Udall Center coordinated a public-input process for the Commission for Environmental Cooperation's (CEC) Upper San Pedro Initiative. Launched in May of 1997, the initiative aimed to catalyze and publicize efforts to enhance and preserve the outstanding ecological features of the binational Upper San Pedro River riparian corridor.

The CEC sponsored an in-depth study characterizing the physical and biological conditions necessary to maintain the vitality of the important area along the Upper San Pedro. When the study was completed, the CEC released a report titled Sustaining and Enhancing Riparian Migratory Bird Habitat on the Upper San Pedro River: Public Review Draft.

During the 60-day public-input period that followed the release of the report, the Center hosted more than 20 public meetings, workshops, and open houses for the CEC to facilitate discussion and gather feedback on the issue. Local court-appointed mediators facilitated the workshops. In total, about 600 people attended the workshops and meetings, and many participated in small-group discussions on the CEC report.

A 29-page summary, Public Input Digest for the Upper San Pedro River Initiative, has been prepared for the CEC. The digest summarizes the oral and written comments submitted during the public-input period.

For more information about the CEC report or digest, visit the CEC or Udall Center Web sites at <www.cec.org> or <udallcenter.arizona.edu>. For information about the public-input process, contact Ann Moote <moote@u.arizona.edu> at the Center.

Udall Center to Sponsor Mediation Training Session

On November 16-20, 1998, the Udall Center will sponsor a 40-hour advanced training session for environmental and public policy mediation. The program, conducted by CDR Associates, based in Boulder, CO, will take place at Columbia University's Biosphere 2 Center in Oracle, AZ.

The five-day interactive training will include instruction, demonstration, and role-playing activities. Topics to be covered include the dynamics of conflict and conflict analysis; negotiation, mediation, and facilitation; complex public mediation; and multi-party environmental mediation. CDR Associates is one of the national leaders in mediation training, and this session will be led by one of the organization's senior partners.

Because the Center's environmental conflict resolution program aims, in part, to support and build the capacity for environmental dispute resolution and consensus-building professionals in Arizona, enrollment preference will be given to alternative dispute resolution professionals who live and work in the state. In addition, registrants should have completed at least 40 hours of basic mediation training.

For more information, please contact Susan Moodie at (520) 621-7189 or <smooide@u.arizona.edu>.
COMMON GROUND ROUNDTABLE

FACILITATES DISCUSSION ON ARIZONA'S OPEN SPACE

For the past year, the Udall Center has facilitated the Arizona Common Ground Roundtable. The roundtable provides a forum for ongoing dialogue among ranching, conservation, research, and public-agency communities in Arizona. It aims to diminish rancorous public debate over grazing and public lands and to improve communication to discover areas of mutual concern.

The roundtable builds on a common desire to maintain open spaces in Arizona. With a central mission of achieving a "shared sustainable landscape," the roundtable has recognized that attention to both ecosystem and economic health in rural areas is essential. These gatherings seek to foster substantive discussions from which improvements in public policy and its on-the-ground implementation can emerge.

Roundtable meetings, steered by a core working group, are held every other month throughout the state. For more information, contact Mette Brogden at the Center by email at <metteb@u.arizona.edu>.

Ford Foundation/Udall Center
U.S.-Mexico Border Fellows Selected

The Udall Center is pleased to announce the first recipients of the Ford Foundation/Udall Center Fellowship in Environmental Conflict Resolution in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region. Selected through an international competition, each fellow will receive a stipend of $18,500 and will spend a semester at the Center conducting research, teaching a seminar, and engaging in outreach activities. The two fellows for 1998-99 are:

Basilio Verduzco of the Instituto de Estudios Economicos y Regionales at the Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico. Verduzco will be in residence at the Udall Center for the spring 1999 semester. His research project will be "Beyond Transboundary Cooperation: Civil Society, Environmental Activism, and Policy Outcomes," and he will teach a graduate-level seminar on international activism and environmental policy in the borderlands.

Christopher Brown from the Department of Geography and Planning at West Chester University, Pennsylvania. Brown will be in residence during the fall 1999 semester. He will examine "Binational Watershed Councils (Consejos Binacionales de las Cuencas) as Instruments for Conflict Resolution Along the U.S.-Mexico Border Region." His seminar will be on bioregional approaches to environmental conflict resolution on the U.S.-Mexico border.
1998-99 Student Assistants/Associates

Graduate Assistants/Associates
Sarah Arvey, Latin American Studies
Mette Brogden, Anthropology
Alex Conley, Renewable Natural Resources
Kimi Eisele, Geography and Regional Development
Nancy Ellis, Public Administration and Policy
Luke Evans, Renewable Natural Resources
Gabriel Galanda, Law
Rachael Ingall, Latin American Studies
Kris Mackey, Information Resources and Library Sciences
Susan Moodie, Arid Lands Studies
Emma Olenberger, Latin American Studies
Lara White, Latin American Studies
Rick Yarde, Law

Undergraduate Assistants
Calandra Cook, Architecture
Carey Montesano, Education
Molly Fernow, Media Arts
Heidee Stoller, Latin American Studies

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Martha Conklin, associate professor of hydrology and water resources, is studying water quality in response to climate change and other human-induced changes.

David Gibbs, associate professor of political science, is evaluating the post-Cold War phenomenon of "humanitarian intervention" and peacekeeping.

Alice Schlegel, professor of anthropology, will examine adolescent socialization and the movement into adulthood through an examination of apprenticeship programs in Germany and the United States.

W. James Shuttleworth, professor of hydrology and water resources, is building a case for the creation of a second International Hydrological Decade around public policy issues.

David Wilkins, associate professor of political science, is working on the first full-length textbook devoted to American Indian politics.

Udall Center Fellows are selected annually through a peer-reviewed competitive process. During the past seven years, the Center has hosted over 60 fellows from 28 departments and programs at the University of Arizona. For information about the program, visit the Center's Web site at <udallcenter.arizona.edu>.

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