Remembering Morris K. Udall, 1922-1998

On December 12th, 1998, former Arizona Congressman Morris K. Udall passed away at the Veterans Hospital in Washington, DC, where he had been a patient since the spring of 1991. He was 76 years old. Mr. Udall suffered from advanced Parkinson's disease. He died peacefully in his sleep.

Udall served in the U.S. Congress from 1961 to 1991, during which time he accumulated a legislative record of historic achievement and was the leading environmentalist of his era in the House of Representatives. "Mo," as he was known to colleagues and constituents alike, became chairman of the House Interior Committee in 1977. In that position, he authored a host of major environmental bills including the historic Alaska Lands Act, which doubled the size of the national park system, doubled the size of the national refuge system, and tripled the size of the wilderness system.

Udall also had a special interest in Native American issues, which led him to enact landmark measures providing for Native American health care, water rights, and aboriginal land claims.

At a memorial service held for Udall in Tucson, Arizona, on January 16th, Congressman Richard Gephardt (D-MO), Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives, and U.S. Senator John McCain (R-AZ), among many others, paid tribute to their former colleague. Stewart Udall, Mo's brother and former Secretary of the Interior under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, delivered the eulogy. Udall family members and newly elected Congressmen, Tom Udall (D-NM), Mo's nephew, and Mark Udall (D-CO), Mo's son, also spoke at the ceremony.

The Udall Center and the Congressman

Since its establishment in 1987, the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy has honored the Udall family—a family noted for its distinguished contributions to public affairs, governance, and policy.

The legacy of Morris K. Udall has strongly influenced the research and public-service agenda of the Center. In particular, his career-long work on behalf of environmental preservation and Native American rights is reflected in many of the Center's programs and activities. Congressman Udall's last public appearance was at the dedication of the Udall Center's buildings in November 1990.
Indian Health Conference: Wrap-up

More than 200 persons, including representatives of 43 Indian tribes, attended the conference, "Native American Health and Welfare Policy in an Age of New Federalism," held October 22-24, 1998, in Tucson. Cosponsored by the Udall Center, the Morris K. Udall Foundation, and The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, the conference aimed to examine the changing political and economic context affecting Native American health care.

U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna Shalala, gave the keynote address. Governor William Anoatubby of the Chickasaw Nation, U.S. Senator John McCain (R-AZ), and Chairman Wayne Taylor of the Hopi Tribe were among the many speakers contributing to the productive dialogue about the major health-care policy challenges facing Native American communities.

Indian Health Conference Resources

The following resources from the October conference are available:

- set of 10 videotapes and a set of eight audiotapes of the conference;
- bibliography of nearly 175 books and reports on American Indian issues, health and welfare policy, and related topics that were exhibited at the conference; and
- background paper entitled "Current Issues in Indian Health Policy," written specifically for this conference by Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Associate Director of the Center for Native American Health at The University of Arizona Prevention Center. Additionally, a conference proceedings is being compiled and is expected to be ready for distribution in late spring 1999.

To schedule a screening of the videotapes or audiotapes, or to obtain a copy of the publications, please contact Rachel Yaseen at <rachely@u.arizona.edu>.

Udall Center Sponsors Two ECR Training Sessions

To support and build the capacity of environmental conflict resolution (ECR) and consensus-building professionals in Arizona, the Udall Center recently sponsored and organized two training sessions, gathering nearly 80 people.

In November 1998, in conjunction with CDR Associates of Boulder, Colorado—one of the national leaders in mediation training—the Center held a 40-hour training session in environmental and public policy mediation. Some 40 professional mediators and facilitators who work with public policy and law attended the training. Topics included the dynamics of conflict and conflict analysis; negotiation, mediation, and facilitation; complex public mediation; and multi-party environmental mediation.

Based on the popularity of the November training session, the Center conducted a second workshop on environmental and public policy facilitation this January. Led by Carl Moore, a facilitator whose clients have included the White House, foreign countries, national and local agencies, nonprofit agencies, school boards, and the business sector, the workshop aimed to help participants develop improved facilitation methods. About 40 individuals, including facilitation and mediation professionals, local and state government officials, community organizers, and students participated in this two-day workshop.

For more information about future ECR training sessions, contact Susan Moodie at <smoodie@u.arizona.edu>.
Federal Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution Opens Under Udall Foundation

Nearly 150 persons attended the dedication ceremony for the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution held in Tucson on October 22, 1998. Terrence L. Bracy, chair of the Udall Foundation Board of Trustees, served as master of ceremonies at the event, which featured Senator John McCain (R-AZ), Arizona Congressmen Jim Kolbe (R-AZ) and Ed Pastor (D-AZ), and Tucson Mayor George Miller. Kirk Emerson, formerly the coordinator of the environmental conflict resolution program at the Udall Center, is the director of the new Institute.

The Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Act of 1998 created the Institute, which will operate under the aegis of the Morris K. Udall Foundation, also located in Tucson. The Senate and the House unanimously passed the Act, which was signed into law by President Clinton in February 1998. Under the new law, federal agencies are authorized to use the Institute to assist in the resolution of disputes involving federal environmental, public lands, and natural resource issues.

For more information on the Institute, please contact the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict at (520) 670-5299.

Udall Fellows Program Seeks UA Faculty

The Udall Center invites faculty at The University of Arizona (UA) to apply for the Center’s fellow-in-residence program. Since 1990, about 70 scholars from some 30 UA departments have participated as Fellows at the Udall Center. The program is the only one of its kind at the UA, continuing to draw first-rate policy scholars, including department heads, Regents professors, and outstanding junior faculty.

Fellows are provided with private offices in the Udall Center’s three historic buildings just west of campus in a setting conducive to interdisciplinary policy projects. Benefits include some operational support and use of the Center’s resources.

This program is open to faculty members of the UA with research interests on any aspect of public policy. Applications are due by February 26, 1999. For more information, contact Robert Varady at <rvarady@u.arizona.edu>.

Ford Foundation/Udall Center Fellowship for ECR on the U.S.-Mexico Border

The Udall Center, with funding from the Ford Foundation, announces its second annual fellow-in-residence program for the 1999-2000 academic year. This fellowship offers support for work pertaining to environmental conflict resolution (ECR) in the U.S.-Mexico border region.

The Fellow will receive a stipend of US $18,500, a private office, and a part-time graduate assistant while at the Center. Additionally, the Fellow will participate in the Center’s ECR activities, teach a graduate-level seminar, present informal lectures in the community, and prepare a manuscript for publication.

Applicants should submit a statement of proposed research, a resume, and two letters of recommendation by April 30, 1999. For more information, please contact Robert Merideth <merideth@u.arizona.edu>. 
Udall Center Sponsors Prizes in Law and American Indian Policy

American Indian Policy Prize
Thanks to an allocation of funds from the Morris K. Udall Foundation, the Udall Center this year will award a prize for the best research paper written on an American Indian policy topic by a UA graduate student in any department. The prize carries a $1000 stipend. The winning paper will be published as a Udall Center working paper, and the Center will work with the author to submit the paper to an appropriate journal for publication. Papers will be judged by a panel of UA faculty members for scholarly merit and distinctive contribution to a topic in American Indian policy. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae and an original paper (25 pages) on a topic in American Indian policy to Stephen Cornell, director of the Udall Center.

Lillian S. Fisher Prize
The Udall Center is accepting applications for the 1999 Lillian S. Fisher Prize in Environmental Law and Public Policy. This annual award is given at the end of the academic year to a student in the University of Arizona College of Law. The prize will be a $1000 stipend, and the winning paper will be published as a Udall Center working paper and also will be offered for publication to the Arizona Law Review or to other suitable journals. Essays are judged for their scholarly merit and contribution to the field by a panel of UA faculty members. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae and an essay of approximately 25 pages in length on a subject relating to environmental law or public policy to Stephen Cornell, director of the Udall Center.

Submission deadline for both papers is April 16, 1999. For more information on either of these prizes, contact Stephen Cornell <scornell@u.arizona.edu>.

New Publications Available
The following publications are now available from The Udall Center. Please direct requests to Kathleen Veslany <veslany@u.arizona.edu>.

- A Primer on Climate Variability and Change in the Southwest, by Robert Meredith (February 1999), 25 pages.

Executive Education Workshop for the Hopi Tribe
On February 25th and 26th at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, the Udall Center, in conjunction with the National Executive Education Program for Native American Leadership, will host an executive education workshop on nation-building and economic development for the leadership of the Hopi Tribe. The workshop will consider governance and strategic issues currently before the Tribe, and will explore the practical lessons of recent research on sustainable development in Indian Country. Center director Stephen Cornell, along with faculty from Harvard University, Northern Arizona University, and The University of Arizona, will lead the workshop.

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