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Senator Edward M. Kennedy  
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## Library Bids Farewell to Senator Kennedy

Senator Edward M. Kennedy, beloved patriarch of the Kennedy family, proud son of Massachusetts, champion of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, and one of the most effective lawmakers in the history of the United States Senate, died on August 25, 2009 after a year-long battle with brain cancer.

The Kennedy family released the following statement on the death of Senator Kennedy: “Edward M. Kennedy – the husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle we loved so deeply – died late Tuesday night at home in Hyannis Port. We’ve lost the irreplaceable center of our family and joyous light in our lives, but the inspiration of his faith, optimism, and perseverance will live on in our hearts forever. We thank everyone who gave him care and support over this last year, and everyone who stood with him for so many years in his tireless march for progress toward justice, fairness and opportunity for all. He loved this country and devoted his life to serving it. He always believed that our best days were still ahead, but it’s hard to imagine any of them without him.”

News of Senator Kennedy’s death elicited an outpouring of collective grief as world leaders, Senate colleagues, local politicians, historians, journalists, and citizens of all ages from across the globe remembered the Senator as a tireless champion for the disenfranchised and less fortunate, a master in the art of bipartisanship, and an unwavering advocate for universal health coverage.



The military honor guard carries Senator Kennedy’s flag-draped coffin into the Kennedy Presidential Library followed by Senator Kennedy’s sister, Jean Kennedy Smith, and wife, Victoria Reggie Kennedy.

On Wednesday, August 26, Senator Kennedy’s wife, Victoria Reggie Kennedy, announced that, at the Senator’s request, his body would lie in repose at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library – the living memorial to his brother John which Senator Kennedy loved so deeply and once described as “a lighthouse bearing witness to Jack’s truth that America at its best can truly light the world.”

Led by the herculean efforts of over 50 members of Senator Kennedy’s current and former Senate staff, and supported by Kennedy Library and Foundation staff and countless volunteers, plans and logistics for all events surrounding the funeral for Senator Kennedy were orchestrated from the Kennedy Library.

On Thursday, following a motorcade from Hyannis Port through historic Boston, Senator Kennedy’s body arrived at the Kennedy Presidential Library where he lay in repose in the Stephen E. Smith Center through Saturday, August 29.

The Senator was joined in a round-the-clock vigil throughout both days and nights by a military honor guard and a civilian honor guard of family, friends, and current and former staff.

Within one hour of the line being opened to the public on Thursday, 12,000 people came to pay their respects to Senator Kennedy. By 10 p.m., 21,000 people – from all corners of the world – stood in line to thank Senator Kennedy. At Mrs. Kennedy’s request, hours were extended to 2:00 a.m. so that everyone who had stood in line would be allowed to honor the Senator. It is estimated by Boston Police that as many as 50,000 people viewed Senator Kennedy’s flag-draped coffin in less than 20 hours.



Vicki Kennedy greets one of the thousands of mourners that came to the Kennedy Presidential Library to pay their respects to Senator Kennedy.

Leather bound memorial books were placed throughout the library and its grounds for people to write their condolences. Many wrote of specific acts that Senator Kennedy had taken to help them, while countless others saluted his life of dedication to the people. After sharing the books with Senator Kennedy's family, they will be permanently archived with Senator Kennedy's papers at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library.

Throughout both days of the public viewing, staff from the Kennedy Library and Red Cross handed out thousands of bottles of water to people in line, many of whom waited over three hours to pay their respects. Volunteers from CityYear, the Boy Scouts of America, and student interns from Senator Kennedy's staff helped elderly and handicapped visitors to the front of the long line.

Visibly touched by the outpouring of support, Vicki Kennedy repeatedly went outside to greet and thank the thousands of citizens waiting in line to pay tribute to her husband. She also stood vigil by her husband's coffin during both days, shaking hands and offering a word of thanks and appreciation to those who walked by the Senator lying



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Inexhaustible crowds lined up outside the Kennedy Presidential Library to honor Senator Kennedy as he lay in repose.

of Life Memorial was a way for the people closest to Senator Kennedy to remember his life – with his love of music, laughter and stories with friends and family he adored. Many members of Senator Kennedy's family and close friends participated in the program, including Paul G. Kirk, Jr., Board Chairman of the Kennedy Library Foundation and a close friend and advisor; Vice President Joseph R. Biden; nephew Joseph P. Kennedy II; U.S. Senators John Kerry, Christopher J. Dodd, John McCain, and Orrin Hatch; Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, Massachusetts Governor Deval L. Patrick; and close friends Nick Littlefield and Senator John C. Culver. Senator Kennedy's niece Caroline Kennedy made closing remarks in honor of her Uncle Teddy.

On Saturday, after a morning prayer service that included Senator Kennedy's Congressional colleagues, the motorcade carrying Senator Kennedy's casket departed from the Kennedy Library for the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Basilica in Roxbury. As the motorcade proceeded from Columbia Point, the Boston College High School football team stood at attention in uniform with their helmets held across their hearts.

"It was an honor for the Library to have been chosen by Senator Kennedy as the site for him to lay in repose and to allow the public, family, and friends to pay their last respects," said Tom Putnam, Director of the Kennedy Presidential Library. "Without question it was one of the finest moments in this Library's history. We often think of ourselves as a beacon by the ocean that President Kennedy, Senator Kennedy, and their families love so dearly. Our light has never shown so brightly."



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Members of the military honor guard stood vigil at each corner of Senator Kennedy's flag-draped coffin.

in repose. Other members of the Kennedy family, including Senator Kennedy's children Kara, Ted, Patrick, Curran and Caroline, joined Mrs. Kennedy in thanking the thousands of mourners waiting in line to express their sympathy.

On Friday evening, a private memorial honored Senator Kennedy and his love of family and friends, his passion for life and his commitment to public service. The Celebration

## REMARKS BY CAROLINE KENNEDY AT THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE MEMORIAL

Welcome to this library that Teddy built and brought to life with his spirit and dedication to public service. As many of you know, over the last few years, or really, for most of my semi-adult life – one of my part-time jobs has been introducing Teddy to crowds of people who already knew him incredibly well. Although this was unbelievably stressful for me, it was just another one of the gifts that he gave me.

When he saw that I was nervous, he would give me a pat on the back. When he knew that I was sad, he would call up and say: "I have got a great idea. There's a convention coming up. And maybe you would like to introduce me."

And off I would go on another adventure in public speaking.

But, no matter how nervous I was, I always knew that, when I stepped down from the podium, I would get a big kiss and hear him whisper, "Now I'm going to get you back." And I can't believe that's not going to happen tonight.

The other night, after Vicki called, Ed and I went outside. It was a beautiful summer night. The moon had set. There was no wind. The sea was calm and the stars were out. I looked up, and there was this one star hanging low in the sky that was just bigger than all the rest and brighter than all the rest, with a twinkle and a sparkle louder than all the others. I know it was Jupiter, but it was acting a lot like Teddy.

His colleagues have spoken tonight about his work, his devotion to the Senate, the joy he took in helping others, his thoughtfulness and compassion, his inspirational courage, and his commitment to the ideals of peace and justice that his brothers gave their lives for and that he fought for his entire career.

In our family, we were lucky to see his passion, his self-discipline and his generosity of heart every single day. He had a special relationship with each of his 28 nieces and nephews and with the 60 people who called him Great Uncle Teddy. He was there for every baptism, every school trip to Washington, every graduation, and every wedding with his big heart, his big shoulders, and a big hug.

He knew when we were having a tough time or a great time, and he would just show up and say, it's time to go sailing. He convinced us that we could ace the next test, make the varsity team, win the next race, whether it was sailing or politics.

And it was OK if we didn't, as long as we tried our best. He did it by letting us know that he believed in us, so we should believe in ourselves. He taught by example and with love. He showed us how to keep going, no matter how hard things were, to love each other, no matter how mad we got, and keep working for what we believe in.

He never told us what to do. He just did it himself and we learned from his example. Though it was sometimes overshadowed by his other gifts, Teddy was a creative spirit. He loved painting and singing and the natural world and the sea. He was always looking for new ways to bring people together to make a better world, to get things done.

And he was always doing things that other people could have done, but he was somehow the one who did it. It's as true in the Senate, as we have heard tonight, as it is in our family...

Yesterday, as we drove... up from the Cape, I thought about all the gifts that Teddy gave us and the incredible journey he took.

I thought about how lucky I am to have traveled some of that journey with him and with all the wonderful people that he embraced, so many of whom are here tonight. I thought about how he touched so many hearts and did so many things that only he could have done.

I thought, too, about all the things he did that we all could do, but we just figured Teddy would do them instead. As we drove through the Boston that he loved, and saw the thousands of people who loved him back, I realized that it was our final history trip together.

Now Teddy has become a part of history. And we have become the ones who have to do all the things he would have done, for us, for each other and for our country.

*Excerpted from remarks made by Caroline Kennedy, President of the Kennedy Library Foundation, at the Celebration of Life Memorial held in honor of Senator Kennedy at the Kennedy Presidential Library on August 28, 2009.*

Having just introduced her at the 2008 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award ceremony, Senator Kennedy receives a big smile from Caroline Kennedy on her way to the podium.



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## REMARKS BY PAUL G. KIRK, JR. AT THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE MEMORIAL

It was Senator Kennedy who suggested that, when the time arrived, there be a gathering like this one, and he selected as the venue this Library where politics and public service are honored every day in the name of his brothers. Thinking back upon other times when we have felt the ache of emptiness, he was the one from whom we'd draw comfort and strength, and I suspect tonight will be no different.

I have never met anyone whose spirits were not lifted by being in the company of Ted Kennedy, and I hope you will feel that way once again when you leave his presence this evening.

He wanted us to smile and be joyful as we remember and celebrate the depth of his faith, the quality of his character, the generosity of his heart, his love for his family and friends, his patriotic service to his Commonwealth and country, and his countless contributions to the human spirit.

For myself, I can say that Senator Kennedy was the most consistently thoughtful, genuinely considerate human being I have ever known...

To know Senator Kennedy well was to understand the quiet depth of the faith that guided him. He espoused the value of politics; but he practiced the politics of gospel values.

He did not preach about faith; but he was tireless in the practice of these tenets:

*The purpose of life is to live a life of purpose.  
Always be hopeful and make the most of every moment.  
Persevere and be strong, no matter the adversity.  
Be the best you can be at what you choose to do.  
Serve your neighbors with joy and love and make a positive difference in their lives.*



Senator Kennedy breaks ground for the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library with Caroline Kennedy, Rose Kennedy, John F. Kennedy Jr., and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, 1977.



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Senator Kennedy with wife, Vicki, and Kennedy Library Foundation Chairman Paul G. Kirk, Jr. at the 2004 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award ceremony.

He was mindful that he was blessed with the gift of years that others of his family were denied. He resolved to fulfill the ideals they shared together...

No individual legislator, from any state, of either House of Congress, of any political party, worked harder or longer, with greater adherence to principle, or with more political courage for economic and social justice and for world peace than our own Edward M. Kennedy. He was the best at what he chose to do, and he left his mark as the most effective legislator in the history of this democracy.

He believed and often said, "America is a promise." A promise our founding fathers passed on to each succeeding generation to keep and to fulfill. He chose politics as the means by which he would keep his promise, reminding us that to whom much is given, much is expected.

Gene Scheer gives voice to the life of selfless and patriotic service of our friend in these words from his hymn "American Anthem" ...

*"Let them say of me when my days are through,  
America, America, I gave my best to you."*

Be at peace, my friend. America will be in your debt forever.

*Excerpted from remarks made by Paul G. Kirk, Jr., Board Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and close friend and advisor to Senator Kennedy, at the Celebration of Life Memorial held in the Senator's honor at the Kennedy Presidential Library on August 28, 2009.*

## Senator Kennedy Honored with Profile in Courage Award

**O**n March 8, Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy was presented the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award during a star-studded celebration of the Senator's 77th birthday at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC. Among those on hand to help celebrate the senior Senator from Massachusetts were President and Mrs. Obama.

Kennedy had been consistently nominated for the prestigious award for political courage over the years, but was not eligible for the honor while he served on the Profile in Courage Award selection committee. This year, members of the bipartisan award committee were unanimous in their decision to present Senator Kennedy with the award that celebrates his brother's legacy.

"Every year Senator Kennedy is nominated for his statesmanship and leadership on the most pressing issues

facing our nation," said Caroline Kennedy, President of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, when announcing the award. "His passionate advocacy on behalf of civil rights, human rights, voting rights, economic, social and environmental justice – and his long battle to achieve quality affordable health care for all Americans – are each deserving of an award. On the challenging issues of immigration, and the war in Iraq, he has led the debate just as he has done throughout his career on every controversial issue of our time. Knowing how much Uncle Teddy enjoys celebrating his birthday, the members of the Profile in Courage Award Committee determined that this would be an appropriate time to present this award for political courage to the American who has never stopped asking what he can do for his country."

Caroline Kennedy and Al Hunt, Chairman of the Profile in Courage Award Committee, made the formal

presentation of the award together from the stage of the Kennedy Center. The award, represented by a sterling silver lantern modeled after one belonging to the battleship *U.S.S. Constitution*, was presented with the following citation:

**In 1956, John F. Kennedy wrote a book about the grace and courage of eight United States Senators who risked their careers to stand up for American ideals. *Profiles in Courage* foretold the extraordinary grace and courage of another United States Senator, Edward M. Kennedy, whose perseverance on behalf of the vulnerable and the voiceless has, for 47 years, weathered every storm.**

The political valor of Edward Moore Kennedy exceeds what can be told in a single volume. When principle demands that he stand alone, he stands alone. When the public interest calls for compromise, he compromises. When hope and human dignity can be advanced by reaching across the aisle, he extends his hand. He carries the nation on his shoulders through the most important struggles of our time – for justice, for equality, for opportunity, for freedom.

For all of these reasons, the Profile in Courage Award is presented to Edward M. Kennedy, in recognition of his distinguished public service, and the example he has set of political courage in American public life.



Senator Edward M. Kennedy with First Lady Michelle Obama and his wife Victoria Reggie Kennedy at his birthday celebration on March 8, 2009.

# Federal Officials Who Championed Fiscal Responsibility Honored at 2009 JFK Profile in Courage Awards

## PEACE ACTIVISTS OF LIBERIA RECOGNIZED FOR COURAGE

On May 18, 2009, Sheila Bair, chair of the FDIC, and Brooksley Born, former chair of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, were presented the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award™ by Caroline Kennedy at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in recognition of the political courage each demonstrated in sounding early warnings about conditions that contributed to the current global financial crisis.

Also honored as profiles in courage were Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee and the many women who worked with her in pushing for peace and paving the way for democracy after years of violent conflict in their country. Gbowee was joined at the ceremony by Vaiba Flomo and Janet Johnson Bryant in accepting the award on behalf of their countrywomen.

“Sheila Bair, Brooksley Born, and Leymah Gbowee and her countrywomen all share uncommon courage,” said Caroline Kennedy, President of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. “From the corridors of wealth and power in the United States government, to the violent and impoverished streets of Liberia these women were not afraid to risk their careers, their relationships, their reputations, and even their lives, to speak truth to power and advocate for the powerless millions they represented. As appointed officials and citizen activists, they have inspired all those who wish to bring about meaningful change to their political systems.

“Sheila Bair and Brooksley Born recognized that the financial security of all Americans was being put at risk by the greed, negligence and opposition of powerful and well connected interests,” Kennedy said. “The catastrophic financial events of recent months have proved them right. Although their warnings were ignored at the time, the American people should be reassured that there are far-sighted public servants at all levels of government who act on principle to protect the people’s interests.”

“Leymah Gbowee and the women of Liberia assumed personal responsibility for their national destiny, demonstrating the power of citizen activism to change history,” Kennedy continued. “By bringing together women of all religions, ethnic groups and walks of life, to stand up, sit in, and speak out against violence and in favor of peace, reconciliation, and progress, they played a crucial role in restoring democracy to their war-torn country. The election of the first woman head of state in Africa – President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf – is due in no small part to these courageous women. They have shown the world the power of women’s voices united for peace,



Caroline Kennedy with 2009 Profile in Courage Award Winners Sheila Bair, Brooksley Born, Leymah Gbowee, Vaiba Flomo and Janet Johnson Bryant.



2009 Profile in Courage Award recipient Sheila Bair, Chair of the FDIC, speaking during the Profile in Courage Award ceremony.

inspired citizens around the world, and empowered women to seek political change.”

### SHEILA BAIR, CHAIR, FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (FDIC)

Sheila Bair has been called a “lone voice in the wilderness” for her early warnings about the sub-prime lending crisis and for her dogged criticism of both Wall Street’s and the government’s management of the subsequent financial meltdown. As early as 2001, Bair was urging sub-prime lenders to agree on a set of best practices to prevent abuses. Since the onset of the current crisis, she, more than any other government official, has pushed for direct assistance to distressed homeowners as part of the

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# JFK Profile in Courage Awards

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Brooksley Born, former chair of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, delivers her acceptance speech at the 2009 Profile in Courage Award ceremony.

overall effort to stabilize the financial system, a move fiercely resisted by many leaders in both the public and the private sectors. Recently, however, the government has begun to implement many of her mortgage-modification proposals in an effort to slow the alarming increase in foreclosures. Sheila C. Bair was sworn in as the 19th Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) on June 26, 2006, and is currently serving a five-year term.

### **BROOKSLEY BORN, FORMER CHAIR, COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION (CFTC)**

In 1998, as chair of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Brooksley Born unsuccessfully tried to bring over-the-counter financial derivatives under the regulatory control of the CFTC. The government's failure to regulate such

financial deals has been widely criticized as one of the causes of the current financial crisis. In the booming economic climate of the 1990s, Born battled other regulators in the Clinton Administration, skeptical members of Congress, and lobbyists over the regulation of derivatives, warning that unregulated financial contracts such as credit default swaps could pose grave dangers to the economy. Her efforts brought fierce opposition from Wall Street and from Administration officials who believed deregulation was essential to the extraordinary economic growth that was then in full bloom.

Her adversaries eventually passed legislation prohibiting the CFTC from any oversight of financial derivatives during her term. She stepped down from the CFTC in 1999 and returned to a distinguished career in public interest law.

### **THE PEACE ACTIVISTS OF LIBERIA**

Leymah Gbowee, Janet Johnson Bryant, and Vaiba Flomo accepted the Profile in Courage Award on behalf of the women of Liberia. After watching her native Liberia devolve into a decade-long civil war in which violence, rape, and murder became part of daily life, Leymah Gbowee brought together several dozen women to pray for peace. This effort launched a movement of ordinary Christian and Muslim women who rose up together to help put an end to Liberia's civil war. Gbowee and her colleagues – among them, Janet Johnson Bryant, Vaiba Flomo, Yatta Moore, and Etty Weah – risked



Liberian Peace Activist Leymah Gbowee receives the Profile in Courage Award from Caroline Kennedy.

their lives to stop the cycle of violence and oppression that had kept dictators and warlords in power for decades. Their remarkable struggle for peace eventually paved the way for the election of Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf to the presidency of Liberia – the first democratic election of a female head of state anywhere in Africa. This extraordinary story of courage is told in the film *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*.

# Massachusetts High School Student Takes Top Honors in National John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

**M**argo Balboni, a junior at Rockport High School in Rockport, Massachusetts, was honored by Caroline Kennedy during the May 18, 2009, Profile in Courage Award ceremony for her prize-winning entry in the national John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest for High School Students™. Balboni's essay, describing Baltimore City Councilman Nicholas D'Adamo's courageous efforts to pass legislation affording certain legal rights to gay constituents, was chosen out of 1,464 student essays submitted from across the nation.

In Balboni's winning essay, *City Councilman Nicholas D'Adamo*, she describes how D'Adamo changed his personal views on gay rights after listening to the experiences of gay constituents in his

district. As a practicing Roman Catholic, representing a largely Catholic district, D'Adamo risked his career when he introduced a bill that would give gay partners hospital, prison, and funeral rights. He faced outrage from some family members and many of his constituents who strongly disagreed with his proposed legislation. Although the controversial bill D'Adamo submitted was withdrawn in 2003, Baltimore's City Council adopted a resolution on March 17, 2008, that encouraged the Maryland legislature to allow same-sex marriage. Balboni writes that "it was Nicholas D'Adamo who paved the way for the new bill by taking a courageous stand for an unpopular cause."

Balboni received a \$5,000 award for her first place essay. Her nominating teacher, Mary



John Seigenthaler, Chairman Emeritus of the Profile in Courage Award Committee, presents Margo Balboni with her award for winning the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest.

Ellen Hart of Rockport High School, received a John F. Kennedy Public Service Grant in the amount of \$500 to be used for school projects that encourage student leadership and civic engagement.

The 2009 Profile in Courage Essay Contest was

made possible with the generous support of Fidelity Investments.

For more information on the *Profile in Courage Essay Contest*, visit the contest's website at [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org).



## Obama Inauguration Draws a Crowd

**OVER 400 PEOPLE GATHERED** on January 20, 2009 in the Kennedy Presidential Library's Stephen E. Smith Center to watch the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama.

Members of the public began arriving at 9:00 a.m. to join the Kennedy Presidential Library in celebrating the inauguration of the nation's 44th President. The televised inaugural events were projected on a large screen set up for the occasion. All guests received a free commemorative copy of President John F. Kennedy's inaugural address.

On a tour of the White House, newly inaugurated President Barack Obama looks at a portrait of John F. Kennedy, January 24, 2009.

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Launch of Friendship 7, the first American manned orbital space flight, February 20, 1962.

"We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win..."

– President John F. Kennedy, Address at Rice University, September 12, 1962

# New Exhibit "Moon Shot – JFK and Space Exploration" Marks 40th Anniversary of Moon Landing

On May 16, 2009, the Museum at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library unveiled a special new exhibit, *Moon Shot – JFK and Space Exploration*, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the first Moon landing and President Kennedy's grand vision that made the achievement possible.

In 1961, President Kennedy challenged the nation to land a man on the Moon and return him safely to Earth before the end of the decade. Appealing to the spirit of adventure, to patriotic pride, and to the cause of freedom, his words ignited one of the greatest technological mobilizations in U.S. history. Eight years later, on July 20, 1969, two American astronauts landed on the Moon's surface.

Featuring original documents, photographs, and artifacts from the collections of the Kennedy Presidential Library, the National Archives – Southwest Region, the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, and NASA, this exhibit illustrates the elements of imagination and engineering that combined to achieve the successful Moon landing.

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*Moon Shot – JFK and Space Exploration* will remain open until spring 2010.

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Model of Gemini spacecraft presented to President Kennedy, 1962.

President Kennedy inspects the interior of the "Friendship 7" Mercury capsule with Astronaut Col. John Glenn, Jr., Cape Canaveral, Florida, 1962.

Dr. Wernher von Braun explains the Saturn launch system to President John F. Kennedy, 1963.



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## New Website Allows Millions to Experience Historic Apollo 11 Mission – 40 Years Later

Over 1.3 million people from around the world relived the historic Apollo 11 mission by logging on to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum’s interactive website that was designed to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the first moon landing and President Kennedy’s critical role in the United States space program.

WeChooseTheMoon.org went live on July 16, 2009, at 9:32 a.m. – exactly 40 years to the minute after the historic launch. The site, powered by AOL, recreated Apollo 11’s lunar mission, minute by minute, with an interactive experience that allowed visitors to experience the mission as it happened, using archival audio, video, photos, and “real-time” transmissions.

“WeChooseTheMoon.org used today’s technology to bring President Kennedy’s vision to life, providing an unprecedented opportunity for visitors to experience the adventure as it happened 40 years ago,” said Tom Putnam, Director of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. “It is our hope that by highlighting President Kennedy’s challenge to the nation to reach for what was considered by many to be an impossible goal, we will inspire our country to take on the challenges we face today, such as global warming and entrenched poverty.”

WeChooseTheMoon.org compiled 400 NASA photographs and 44 archival videos, over 109 hours of audio transmissions streamed “as they happened,” and 11 mission-critical events rendered in digital animation. Tapping into popular social networking tools, visitors could also follow three Twitter feeds tracking the conversations between the spacecraft and Houston.

News of the website traveled quickly with coverage throughout the blogosphere and on major news outlets including ABC’s *Good Morning America*, CNN’s *The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer*, and *The New York Times*. Press coverage reached a total audience of more than 146 million people.

This initiative was the result of a unique collaboration between the Kennedy Library Foundation and the Kennedy Presidential Library’s 15-year advertising partner, The Martin Agency, which conceived of the WeChooseTheMoon.org site concept.

“The undertaking was pretty massive,” said Joe Alexander, creative director at The Martin Agency. “We joked about how sending millions to the moon in cyberspace in 2009 ended up taking just as much time as sending three guys to the moon in 1969. But truly, we felt honored to do it. There was a real sense of purpose, living up to JFK’s idea that the space race will bring out the best in us.”



PHOTO BY NEIL ARMSTRONG, COURTESY OF NASA

Astronaut Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin on the moon’s surface, July 20, 1969.

Following the conclusion of the four-day event, the Kennedy Presidential Library received emails and phone calls from people around the world expressing gratitude for their experience with the website. Thomas E. Nocera, who at the age of 20 was one of the youngest members of the Apollo 11 launch crew, wrote: “*Thank you for the website that reproduces so majestically that mission – the greatest of human accomplishments. JFK’s leadership is honored in a noble and inspiring way.*”

The Martin Agency worked with Domani Studios of New York for all animation and interactive production. Hosting for WeChooseTheMoon.org is provided by AOL. The site remains active and is now a self-guided tour that allows web browsers to explore the site’s many features at their own pace.

## Declassified Recordings Reveal President Kennedy's Hope for Nuclear Test Ban to Bring Cold War Thaw

**O**n April 2, 2009, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum declassified and made available for research a presidential recording of a meeting between President Kennedy and four high level government scientists that took place in the Cabinet Room of the White House on July 31, 1963.

During the meeting, President Kennedy expresses optimism that the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty could lead to a détente with the Soviet Union. The recording makes clear that the President is interested in signing the treaty, though he also expresses concern that other nations, like China, will conduct their own tests, thus forcing the United States to return to testing.

Participants in the meeting included Dr. John Foster, Director of Livermore Laboratories, Dr. Norris Bradbury, Director of Los Alamos Laboratory, Dr. Glenn Seaborg, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and John Palfrey, Commissioner of the Atomic Energy Commission. On the recording, the President appears to be attempting to gauge their level of support for the Treaty since they will likely be asked to testify to the U.S. Senate about the Treaty as U.S. Government scientific nuclear experts.

At the start of the meeting, the President speaks, without interruption, on his own hopes for the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: “(Whatever) the arguments are, we have felt that we ought to try to – if it does represent a possibility of avoiding the kind



President Kennedy observes the firing of a Polaris missile by the Submarine *Andrew Jackson* aboard the *U.S.S. Observation Island* off the coast of Florida, November 1963.

of collision that we had last fall in Cuba, which was quite close – and Berlin in 1961 – we should seize the chance.”

President Kennedy goes on to say, “And it may be that the Chinese test in the next year, 18 months, 2 years and we would then make the judgment to see if we should go back to testing. As I understood it, we’re not going to test ’til 1964 anyway, in the atmosphere, so this gives us a year to, at least a year and a half, to explore the possibility of a détente with the Soviet Union – which may not come to anything but which quite possibly could come to something.”

“It is fascinating to hear President Kennedy speak of the Test Ban Treaty as a possible political olive branch between the United States and Soviet Union,” said Kennedy Library Presidential Recordings Archivist Maura Porter. “But his hopefulness is also tempered with his realism that the treaty may not be successful in easing any tensions between the two countries.”

The release received major news coverage, including a piece on CNN which coincided with President Obama’s meeting with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev regarding nuclear disarmament.



President Kennedy with Chairman Nikita Khrushchev at the Soviet Embassy, June 1961.

## Student Volunteers Honored for Making a Difference

Over sixty middle school students from across Massachusetts were honored with the *Make a Difference* award on Sunday, March 1, at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in recognition of the volunteer work the students have performed in their communities.

Some of the student projects included helping fellow students with disabilities, working at local food pantries and senior centers, organizing recycling projects, raising funds for autism and childhood cancer research, and fundraising for children in Uganda and Haiti. The students hailed from schools in Acton, Boston, Fall River, Franklin, Lexington, Milton, New Bedford, Plymouth, Quincy, Revere, Roxbury, Sharon, Somerville, Spencer, Swampscott, Taunton, Vineyard Haven, Watertown, Westborough, and Worcester.

The Kennedy Presidential Library's *Make a Difference* award is given to students who are nominated by a teacher or principal for an outstanding contribution they have made to their neighborhood, town, or the global community.

"President Kennedy believed that every person can make a difference and each of us should try," said Library Director Tom Putnam. "These students are a shining example of JFK's timeless call to service."

At the ceremony, each student received a personalized certificate recognizing their work on the project for which they were nominated. State Representative Linda Dorcena Forry delivered the keynote address.



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Tom Putnam, Library Director, and Representative Linda Dorcena Forry with Quincy middle school students Esraa Al-jubory and Bianca Cadet, who were honored with a *Make a Difference Award* for their volunteer efforts with Operation Day's Work, which partners with overseas aid organizations.

The *Make a Difference* award program is sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum with generous support from Bank of America.



## President Mary McAleese of Ireland Visits the Kennedy Presidential Library

**ON MAY 28, 2009** Her Excellency Mary McAleese, President of Ireland, visited the Kennedy Library as part of her five-day presidential visit to Massachusetts.

President McAleese and her husband, Dr. Martin McAleese, were welcomed by Jean Kennedy Smith, former Ambassador to Ireland and President Kennedy's sister, who hosted a private luncheon at the Library in their honor.

Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith and President Mary McAleese greet a group of visiting students from Raynham, MA at the Kennedy Presidential Library.



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## John Shattuck Leaves Foundation Stronger

Having contributed his extraordinary talent and leadership these last eight years to helping make the Kennedy Presidential Library an international center of political thought and debate, John Shattuck announced his resignation as Chief Executive Officer of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation to accept the position of President and Rector of the Central European University (CEU) in Budapest, Hungary effective August 1.

“I will be forever grateful to John Shattuck for his stewardship of the Kennedy Library Foundation and for his devotion to my father’s legacy,” said Caroline Kennedy, President of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. “John’s skillful diplomacy and personal commitment to public service and human rights has helped to make the Kennedy Library

a center stage for discussion of the most important issues of our time. He has been a good friend and wise counsel and my family and I wish him all the best as he embarks on this new adventure.”

“Thanks to John’s visionary leadership and deep commitment to and unbridled enthusiasm for public service, the Library and Foundation now enjoy unprecedented success in fulfilling the Library’s mission,” said Senator Edward M. Kennedy. “When the history of the Library is written, the Shattuck years will be described as the time when Jacqueline Kennedy’s vision of the Library was given full meaning. Today, the Library is a vital center of education, exchange, and thought, one that inspires the ideals of democracy and freedom in young people all over the world, just as she hoped it would be.”

“Over the past eight years, John’s steady hand has expanded the Kennedy Library’s reputation as a leading international institution to which some of the world’s brightest minds are drawn to discuss critical global issues,” said Paul G. Kirk Jr., Chairman of the Kennedy Library Foundation Board of Directors. “Through John’s creative leadership, the Foundation has initiated programs which promote peace through international dialogue. John will certainly be missed, but all of us at the Kennedy Library and Foundation celebrate his service and wish him the very best as he undertakes this new and exciting opportunity.”

“I am grateful for the opportunity I’ve had over the past eight years to work with an extraordinary board of directors, a terrific staff, a devoted group of major supporters, and a wide range of leaders from the broader community,” Shattuck said. “Thanks to a unique public-private partnership with the Kennedy Library staff and the National Archives, we’ve succeeded in transforming the



John Shattuck greets then-Senator Barack Obama outside of the Kennedy Presidential Library, October 20, 2006.



Archbishop Desmond Tutu and John Shattuck before the Kennedy Library Forum, *The Struggle for Peace and Justice in South Africa*, October 30, 2007.

John Shattuck participates as a panelist at the Kennedy Library Forum, *Human Rights Challenges Facing the Next President*, December 9, 2008.



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John F. Kennedy Presidential Library into a major public affairs center that projects the legacy of John F. Kennedy, often through the lens of contemporary issues, to new generations in new ways, both at home and around the world. I'm proud and honored to have been able to play a part in this great enterprise."

Under Shattuck's leadership, the Kennedy Library Foundation dramatically increased the visibility and programmatic support of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.

Over the last eight years the Library has greatly expanded its educational programs and museum exhibits, and has conducted more than three-hundred public conferences and forums, most of which have been broadcast on radio and/or television. These include the highly acclaimed 15-part post-9/11 series, "Responding to Terrorism"; a 10-session exploration of domestic and international human rights issues, "Seeking Common Ground: Civil Rights and Human Rights"; a multi-part forum series, "Containing Weapons of Mass Destruction"; a set of programs on "Challenges in Iraq"; and a series

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*– Senator Edward M. Kennedy*

of meetings in the U.S. and the Middle East, "Covering Conflict," bringing together groups of Israeli, Palestinian, and Northern Ireland journalists.

Honoring President Kennedy's call to public service, Shattuck's stewardship led the Kennedy Library Foundation in building a dedicated \$10 million reserve fund to secure the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award program for every generation. Shattuck also created the annual New Frontier Award, in partnership with the Institute of Politics at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, to honor two young Americans under the age of 40 who are changing their communities – and the country – with their commitment to public service.

Working in close collaboration with Library Directors Deborah Leff and Tom Putnam, Shattuck forged a public-private partnership between the Library and Foundation that continues to serve as a national model for other presidential libraries.

With Shattuck's leadership, the Foundation provided the resources to preserve the Museum Collection by transferring it to an offsite facility until a new state-of-the-art facility

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John Shattuck and Kennedy Library Foundation Board Chairman Paul Kirk at the party held in honor of Shattuck prior to his departure.

could be built by NARA to house the collection. He facilitated state and legislative approval for the purchase of state land from UMass Boston by NARA for the building, and he worked with Congress in advocating for the appropriation of funding

needed to build the new addition. Most recently, Shattuck organized Presidential Library Foundation leaders from across the country to help advocate for critical resources and support for all of the nation's 13 Presidential Libraries.

During Shattuck's tenure at the Foundation, he worked to bring the Kennedy Presidential Library into the digital age. The Kennedy Library Foundation provided financial support, staffing, and creative resources for the design and production of a new website that has logged more than 10 million individual sessions since it was launched in 2006. Together with the Kennedy Presidential Library, Shattuck launched a major and unprecedented multi-year effort to digitize and make available to a world-wide audience the papers of John F. Kennedy via the Internet.

In honor of Shattuck's eight years as Chief Executive Officer of the Kennedy Library Foundation, the John H. Shattuck Fund has been established in support of The Profile in Courage Award. To participate, please contact Sandy Sedacca at [sandy.sedacca@jfkfoundation.org](mailto:sandy.sedacca@jfkfoundation.org).

## Member Spotlight: New Legacy Circle Members

The Kennedy Library Foundation has introduced a new membership level. Legacy Circle members receive free admission to the Kennedy Library and Museum and to all other Presidential Libraries and Museums, a commemorative gift, advance notice of events, and reserved VIP seating at Kennedy Library Forums.



Dr. Mayzar Kanani, a Legacy Circle member in London.

Legacy Circle member Dr. Mayzar Kanani lives and works in London, yet feels a strong connection to the Kennedy Library: “I’ve been inspired by President Kennedy, and when growing up, I used his example of courage and service for my own life. I think by supporting his foundation as much as possible, it will help others benefit from his legacy, and give them the chance to make a difference to others. This legacy still burns very brightly, in all sorts of people and in all walks of life. I hope to always support the Foundation in my own small way.”



Historian Alice George, a Legacy Circle member in Philadelphia.

Another Legacy Circle member, historian Alice George, recognizes the need for support as a researcher who has turned to the Kennedy Library’s Archives for the past fifteen years. An author of several books on Cold War-era history, including *Awaiting Armageddon:*

*How Americans Faced the Cuban Missile Crisis*, Ms. George lives in Philadelphia and has been a member for over ten years.

For more information on Kennedy Library Foundation membership and its benefits, please email [membership@jfkfoundation.org](mailto:membership@jfkfoundation.org) or call 617-514-1659.



## Peter and Carolyn Lynch Address the Victura Society

Members of the Kennedy Library’s Victura Society joined Peter and Carolyn Lynch for an intimate conversation on finance and philanthropy. The Lynches spoke about their devotion to the Kennedy Library and the ideals it represents. “Our Founding Fathers were philanthropists – private citizens who work for the public good,” Carolyn Lynch said. “Our family’s philanthropy responds to President Kennedy’s request to all Americans to ask what you can do for your country.” The Victura Society recognizes families and individuals who have included the Kennedy Library Foundation in their charitable estate plans. For more information or to join the Victura Society, please contact Planned Giving Advisor Amy Goldman at (617) 514-1532 or at [amy.goldman@jfkfoundation.org](mailto:amy.goldman@jfkfoundation.org).

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Peter and Carolyn Lynch speaking to the Kennedy Library’s Victura Society.

## New Technical Partners Support Digital Archive

**FOUR LEADING TECHNOLOGY FIRMS** are working together to support the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation’s Access to a Legacy Digital Archive Project. The firms are donating an extraordinary range of in-kind services and expertise to the effort: EMC is providing data storage and information infrastructure; Iron Mountain is providing protection, preservation, and disaster recovery; AT&T is planning for connectivity, bandwidth, and access; and Raytheon is ensuring that all components work together seamlessly. Together, the technical partners aim to create a model project that will preserve and make accessible the wealth of materials in the Kennedy Library Archives for all time.

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# 2009 President's Council Event Honors Senator Edward M. Kennedy

Co-chaired by Caroline Kennedy and Paul G. Kirk, Jr., the President's Council brings together lead supporters of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation whose annual support of \$25,000 and above helps to preserve and perpetuate President Kennedy's legacy. These crucial supporters gather annually for a reception and dinner, which this year was held at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, DC, where Senator Edward M. Kennedy was honored with a Profile in Courage Award for his four decades of courageous public service.



Caroline Kennedy with Clive Palmer, who made a significant gift honoring Senator Edward Kennedy as a 2009 recipient of the Profile in Courage Award.

Kennedy Library Foundation Board Members Ted Hoff and Shari Redstone with Kathleen O'Connell.



Jack Connors, Gail Kirk, Kennedy Library Foundation Board Chairman Paul G. Kirk, Jr., and Eileen Connors.

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## 21st Annual May Dinner Breaks Record

Gerard F. Doherty and Feinberg Rozen, LLP, took the reigns as this year's May Dinner Co-Chairs to raise a new record of \$1.63 million for the Kennedy Library Foundation.

Over 500 guests joined Caroline Kennedy and Edwin Schlossberg in the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum's Smith Hall, as they celebrated this extraordinary show of support for the Kennedy Library's education and public service programs. Singer and actor Matt Cavanaugh, currently starring as Tony in the Broadway revival of *West Side Story*, sang a selection of songs from the musical.

Led by Legacy Laureates Richard and Nancy Donahue, Feinberg Rozen, LLP, and Clive F. Palmer, this year's success was bolstered by an unprecedented number of new donors and increased gifts. EMD Serono hosted a Legacy Champion table this year, joining fellow Legacy Champions Bank of America, Camrose & Kross, LLC, Ted Hoff and Kathleen O'Connell, News Corporation, Raytheon, and Staples, Inc.

New supporters included: Presidential Partners Eli Lilly and Company, Ironshore, and Mars, Incorporated; and Table Sponsors Arnold and Porter LLP, Mt. Tom Companies, Inc., Omega Watches, Rasky Baerlein Strategic Communications, Inc., and State Street Corporation.



May Dinner Co-Chairs Gerard F. Doherty and Kenneth R. Feinberg for Feinberg Rozen, LLP.



Board Member Chris Goode of EMC talks with Caroline Kennedy. EMC's historic in-kind gift of \$3.1 million in technical resources to support the Kennedy Library's Digital Archive project was announced at the Dinner.



(l. – r.) Bernie Fulp, Board Member Carol Fulp of John Hancock, Gail Kirk, Professor Charles Ogletree, Board Member Anne Finucane of Bank of America, and Kennedy Library Foundation Board Chairman Paul G. Kirk, Jr.

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# John F. Kennedy Library Foundation's Twenty-First Annual May Dinner

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Legacy Laureate and Kennedy Library Foundation Board Member Richard Donahue with his wife Nancy and their children.



David and Anna-Lena Kamenetzky of Mars Inc. with Caroline Kennedy and 2006 Profile in Courage Award Recipient Alberto Mora.

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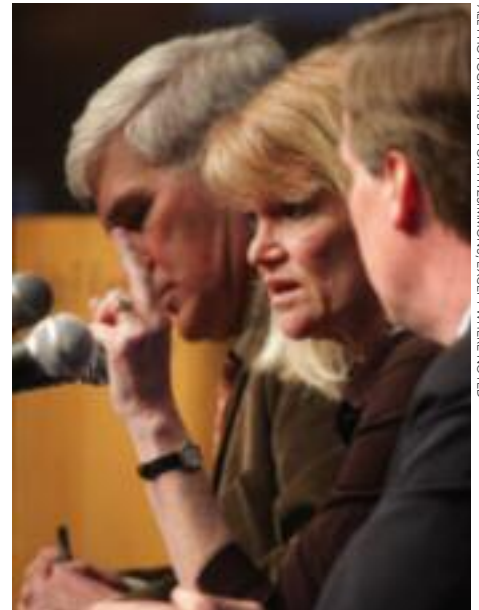
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# Kennedy Library Forums

*A Conversation with Max Kennedy, May 25, 2009*  
 In honor of Memorial Day, Max Kennedy, son of the late Robert F. Kennedy, discusses his new book, *Danger's Hour: The Story of the USS Bunker Hill and the Kamikaze Pilot Who Crippled Her*.



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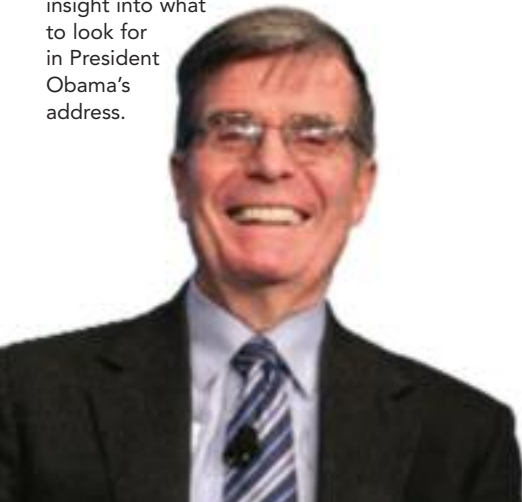
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*Foreign Policy Challenges Facing the Nation, March 16, 2009*  
 Martha Raddatz, Chief Foreign Correspondent for ABC News, discusses the nation's foreign policy challenges with Ambassador Nicholas R. Burns, former Undersecretary of State and Professor of International Politics at Harvard University, and Andrew Bacevich, Professor of International Relations at Boston University.



*The First 100 Days, April 13, 2009*  
 Jonathan Alter, author and Senior Editor and columnist for *Newsweek*, joins presidential historian Ted Widmer and Richard Parker, Lecturer in Public Policy and Senior Fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, to offer observations regarding the early days of the Obama administration.

*The Writing of the Inaugural Address, January 11, 2009*  
 Ted Sorensen, Special Counsel to President Kennedy, reflects on the writing of President Kennedy's inaugural address and offers insight into what to look for in President Obama's address.



*A Town Hall Meeting with Governor Deval Patrick, March 26, 2009*  
 Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick responds to questions from the audience about current issues facing Massachusetts citizens during a televised Town Meeting.



*Civil Rights in the Age of Obama, January 19, 2009*  
 Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and civil rights leader Roger Wilkins joins journalist Callie Crossley to reflect on the state of American race relations, the evolution of our electoral politics, and Barack Obama's historic election.





*A Conversation with Gwen Ifill, January 22, 2009*  
Gwen Ifill discusses her book, *The Breakthrough: Politics in the Age of Obama*, with New York Times columnist Bob Herbert.



*Poverty and Social Justice Challenges Facing the Nation, February 8, 2009*  
Guest speakers Marian Wright Edelman, founder of the Children's Defense Fund, and Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the United Farm Workers of America, meet before the forum.



*The Future of Islam, April 27, 2009*  
Ali Allawi, former Minister of Defense and Minister of Finance in the Iraqi Transitional Government, signs copies of his new book, *The Crisis of Islamic Civilization*, after the forum.



*Postcards from China, January 25, 2009*  
James Fallows, National Correspondent for *The Atlantic*, discusses his book, *Postcards from Tomorrow Square: Reports from China*.



*A Tribute to John Updike, June 7, 2009*  
John Updike's oldest child Elizabeth Updike Cobblah pays tribute to the Pulitzer Prize-winning author, who passed away on January 27, 2009, at the age of 76.

*The Presidency of Gerald Ford, May 3, 2009*  
Steven Ford, son of the President, joined Carla Hills, who served as United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the Ford administration, Benton Becker, advisor to President Ford, and historian Richard Norton Smith to discuss his father's legacy.



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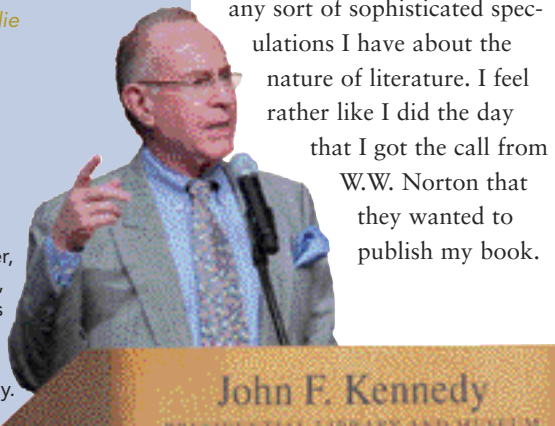
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– Michael Dahlie



Keynote speaker, Richard Rhodes, delivers address at the PEN/Hemingway Award ceremony.

## Patrick Hemingway Presents the 2009 PEN/Hemingway Award

**O**n March 29, 2009, Michael Dahlie, author of *A Gentleman’s Guide to Graceful Living*, was honored at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum by Patrick Hemingway, Ernest Hemingway’s son, as the winner of the 2009 PEN/Hemingway Award.

Speaking on behalf of the judges, Richard Russo concluded “Flawless and dazzling, *A Gentleman’s Guide to Graceful Living* is a wise and gentle satire that has us rooting for its hero even as we laugh at him.”

In receiving the award, Dahlie noted, “The feeling of gratitude I have now trumps any sort of sophisticated speculations I have about the nature of literature. I feel rather like I did the day that I got the call from W.W. Norton that they wanted to publish my book.



Carol and Patrick Hemingway with 2009 PEN/Hemingway Award winner Michael Dahlie and wife Allison Lynn at the award ceremony.

That is, not as a distinguished man of letters, but something more like a weeping mother who’s just been handed a child that’s been rescued from a burning building.”

The PEN/Hemingway Award is given annually to a novel or book of short stories by an American author who has not previously published a book of fiction. Past recipients include Ha Jin, Edward P. Jones, Jhumpa Lahiri, and Marilynne Robinson.

Highlights of the ceremony included Patrick Hemingway’s reading of a humorous essay written by his father for

*Esquire Magazine* and the keynote address by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Rhodes, who read a short story he wrote using Hemingway as the main character.

The PEN/Hemingway Award presentation is sponsored by the Kennedy Library Foundation, the Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, PEN New England, Cerulli Associates, the Friends of the Ernest Hemingway Collection, The Boston Globe Foundation, the Ernest Hemingway Foundation/Society, and the Ucross Foundation.

## A Conversation with Lillian Ross

**ON JUNE 9, 2009 LEGENDARY** *New Yorker* writer Lillian Ross joined the Kennedy Presidential Library in marking the 110th anniversary of Hemingway’s birth. During this Kennedy Library Forum, she reflected on her famous 1950 *New Yorker* profile of the Nobel-prize winning author and discussed what she has learned about writing and writers throughout her career. Ms. Ross was joined by her *New Yorker* editor Susan Morrison. The Kennedy Presidential Library is the world’s repository for the majority of Ernest Hemingway’s papers.



Lillian Ross speaks at the Kennedy Library Forum in June.

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## Remembering Eunice Kennedy Shriver

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** and staff of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and John F. Kennedy Presidential Library join the world's citizens in mourning the loss of Eunice Kennedy Shriver who died on August 11, 2009, at the age of 88. Mrs. Shriver's work and advocacy on behalf of those with intellectual disabilities transformed the lives of hundreds of millions of people across the globe.

A loyal and devoted friend to the Kennedy Library Foundation, Mrs. Shriver also generously supported the work and programs of the Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum and fully embraced the mission of making the Kennedy Library a living and vibrant memorial to her brothers John and Robert.

Paraphrasing President Kennedy's Inaugural Address, Paul G. Kirk, Jr., Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation's Board of Directors, said of Eunice Shriver:

"The energy, the faith, the devotion that Eunice Shriver contributed tirelessly to life's endeavor will continue to bring light and hope, inspiration and individual dignity to millions throughout the world who might otherwise have been forgotten. Her life was a noble mission."

The following remarks were made by Eunice Kennedy Shriver at the Kennedy Presidential Library on November 16, 2007 following a special tribute to her by her children and brother Edward at a Kennedy Library Forum.

*My life includes being lucky in the adversity I encountered. I am lucky that I experienced the sting of rejection as a woman who was told that the real power was not for me. I am lucky that I saw my mother and my sister, Rosemary, treated with the most unbearable rejection. I am lucky that I have had to confront political and social injustice all over the world throughout my career...*

*You will not be surprised to know that I believe that those were also the experiences that shaped President Kennedy. Truthfully, I believe Rosemary's rejection had far more to do with the brilliance of his Presidency than anyone understands. Yes, he was our country's greatest champion of what we used to call "mental retardation."... But beyond the specific work he did for people with intellectual disabilities, I believe it was Rosemary's influence that sensitized him and all of us to the gifts of the vulnerable and the weak.*



Eunice Kennedy Shriver with her brother President John F. Kennedy.

*Remarkably, I think I can say that not one author among the thousands who have written about him has understood what it was really like to be a brother of a person with intellectual disability. And tonight, I want to say what I have never said before: more than any one single individual, Rosemary made the difference.*

*So tonight, with great gratitude to Jack and also to my wonderful children... I want to extend three wishes to each of you:*

*First, I wish each of you the love of family and if that isn't possible, the love of people who will treat you like family. There is no substitute for love. Everything else doesn't matter. If you haven't got a family, go find one!*

*Secondly, I wish each of you the gift of being able to channel whatever injustice or anger or frustration you are experiencing into a purposeful mission of change. You can do it. The only person you need to convince is yourself.*

*And finally, I want to offer you the chance to work or play or go to school or be friends with one of the 200 million people on earth who have an intellectual disability. I guarantee you that you will get back far more than you give. Who knows, you may even become a future President of the United States!*



Eunice Kennedy Shriver with Senator Edward M. Kennedy at the special tribute hosted in her honor at the Kennedy Presidential Library, November 16, 2007.

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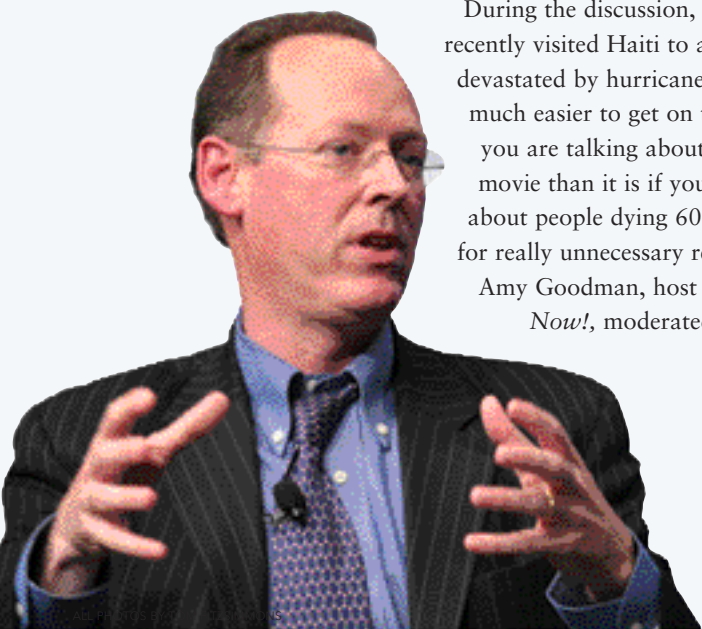
## Kennedy Library Forum Focuses on U.S. Policy in Haiti

On January 27, 2009, Dr. Paul Farmer, co-founder of Partners In Health, joined actor and activist Matt Damon, Massachusetts State Representative and Haitian-American Linda Dorcena Forry, and Brian Concannon, Jr., director of the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti for a Kennedy Library Forum on how changes in U.S. policy can help to build a stronger, more resilient, and prosperous Haiti.

The panelists shared their stories of eradicating disease and injustice in one of the world's poorest nations with a capacity crowd in the Kennedy Presidential Library's Stephen E. Smith Center. "Haiti is a graveyard of failed development projects, and we've been involved in some," said Farmer, "but we can make them better. We can make them smarter."

During the discussion, Damon, who recently visited Haiti to assist victims devastated by hurricanes, noted "It's much easier to get on the news if you are talking about a Bourne movie than it is if you are talking about people dying 600 miles away for really unnecessary reasons."

Amy Goodman, host of *Democracy Now!*, moderated the forum.



Matt Damon talks about his experience visiting Haiti after several hurricanes devastated the area.



Representative Linda Dorcena Forry and Brian Concannon discuss how U.S. policies affect Haiti.

Dr. Paul Farmer, co-founder of Partners In Health, speaks about his life's work in Haiti.

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