

*The Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center
invites you to a Community Coffee Klatch¹*



Featuring: George McGovern, Former U.S. Senator and 1972 Democratic Presidential Nominee

When: Friday, April 20, 9:30-11 a.m.

Where: Monnet Hall, Room 101,
University of Oklahoma,
630 Parrington Oval

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Please join us for coffee, light refreshments, and informal discussion with George McGovern, who was the Democratic Party presidential candidate in 1972 after serving two terms as a U.S. Representative and three terms as a U.S. Senator. Alleviation of world hunger is a major focus in his life. In recognition of these efforts, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2000 and was appointed the first United Nations global ambassador on hunger. In this position, he continues his leadership in the battle against world hunger.

Born in Avon, South Dakota on July 19, 1922, George McGovern attended the public schools of Mitchell. World War II interrupted his education. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in June 1942, flew combat missions in the European Theater, and was discharged from the service in July 1945. After the war, he returned to Dakota Wesleyan University and graduated in 1946. He continued his studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he received his Ph.D. in 1953. From 1950 to 1953, he also taught history and government at Dakota Wesleyan University.

Senator McGovern began his political career as executive secretary of South Dakota Democratic Party in 1953, and later became a member of the Advisory Committee on Political Organization of Democratic National Committee. He was elected to the 85th and 86th Congresses (1957–1961). He ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate in 1960. After a stint as director of the Food for Peace Program under President John F. Kennedy, he resigned to mount a second, and this time successful, campaign for the U.S. Senate. As a member of the Senate committees on agriculture, nutrition, forestry and foreign relations, and the Joint Economic Committee, he led the way in expanding key nutrition programs.

In 1972, Senator McGovern was selected as the Democratic Party nominee for president, the only South Dakotan so honored by any major political party. His presidential bid, though unsuccessful, was marked by his strong opposition to U.S. military involvement in Vietnam.

Senator McGovern's OU visit is in connection with the Political Communications Center's Josh Lee Series Lecture on April 20 at 3:00 p.m. in the Thurman J. White Forum Building. The lecture is free and open to the public.

¹ "Klatch" – A casual social gathering for coffee and good conversation.