The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center is an academic unit of The University of Montana dedicated to enhancing mutual understanding between the United States and Asia and fostering ethical public policy and leadership. The Center supports this mission by fostering university and community links with Asia. A central part of our mission is bringing together scholars, policymakers, and leaders from around the world to speak on critical global issues. We also host foreign scholars for joint research and exchange. Established in 1983 with an endowment from the United States Congress, the Center honors the legacy of Senator Mike Mansfield and his wife, Maureen Hayes Mansfield.
During sixty years of public service, Senator Mike Mansfield became Montana’s most distinguished citizen as the nation’s longest-serving Senate Majority Leader and its longest-serving ambassador to Japan.

The son of poor Irish immigrants, Mansfield was raised in near poverty by an aunt and uncle before joining the military at the age of fourteen. During his service, he visited China, Japan, and the Philippines. This experience sparked what was to become a life-long interest in Asia. Mansfield returned to Montana after the war, where he worked in the copper mines of Butte. There he met and married the woman who was to change his life: Maureen Hayes, a teacher and daughter of a prominent local family. Maureen recognized in Mike Mansfield qualities he said he failed to recognize in himself and was vital in pushing him to complete his education. Mansfield earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in history and political science at what is now the University of Montana in Missoula. He stayed at the University to become its first professor of East Asian history. Mansfield in 1942 successfully ran for Congress, where he quickly gained recognition as an authority on Asian affairs and U.S. policy in Asia. As Senate Majority leader from 1961-1976, he was a key force in promoting the U.S. opening to China and also worked behind the scenes to end the Vietnam War. A moderate Democrat, Mansfield earned universal respect for his honesty, integrity, wisdom, and non-partisan approach to problem-solving. These same qualities served him well from 1977 to 1989 as U.S. Ambassador to Japan, as he became revered as a friend of the Japanese people and a distinguished elder statesman.

The Mansfields retired to Washington, D.C. in 1989, at which time Mike became Senior Advisor to the international financial services firm of Goldman Sachs. He maintained an active daily schedule until just before his death on October 5, 2001 - less than a year after the death of his beloved Maureen. Though she lived her life in her husband’s shadow, Maureen Hayes Mansfield was the spirit who animated Mike Mansfield and the single greatest influence on his life. Indeed, Mike constantly declared that, absent Maureen’s drive and support, he would have accomplished few of the deeds for which he is now held in such esteem. Reflecting this belief, he insisted she be jointly honored in any memorial of his own life and achievements.
LEADERSHIP

DR. ABRAHAM KIM, DIRECTOR

Dr. Abraham Kim comes to the Mansfield Center with over 15 years of experience in policy leadership, political risk management, and strategic consulting. Prior to joining the Center, he served as the Vice President and Interim President of the Korea Economic Institute of America in Washington, D.C.

A FOUNDATION FOR LEADERSHIP

Founded in 1983, the Mansfield Center maintains a strong tradition of leadership. Two former directors continue to serve the Center as Distinguished Mansfield Fellows. Founding Director Paul Lauren (at right) is the first professor awarded with the prestigious title of Regents Professor of the University of Montana and is an internationally recognized authority on diplomacy, international relations, and human rights. Former Director Terry Weidner (at left) served as director from 2003-2012. The Center continues to draw on his academic interests in Chinese political economy, business, and U.S.-China relations.

DR. ROYCE ENGSTROM, PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Dr. Royce Engstrom has served as the 17th President of the University of Montana since 2010 and has been with the University since 2007. His strategic plan rests on building a university for the global century. The Mansfield Center is honored to be a central part of this strategy.

BOARD OF ADVISORS

The Mansfield Center is honored to have a distinguished Board of Advisors support the Center’s mission in honoring the legacy of Mike Mansfield. Full information on our advisory boards is available on our website.
The Mansfield Ethics and Public Affairs Program (MEPAP) at the University of Montana is charged with conducting research and educational activities focusing on the relationship of values to institutions and public affairs. Its courses, seminars, lectures, and conferences examine the role that ethical values can and should play in public life, the moral quandaries faced by those who govern, including both the philosophical and practical dimensions of political ethics, and the issues of leadership and character in public service.

In recent years MEPAP has received two highly competitive awards from the National Science Foundation to conduct research on ethical issues involving science and technology. These issues include biotechnology, nanotechnology, climate change and geoengineering. MEPAP has held several national level workshops on these issues involving scientists, ethicists and graduate students. In addition, MEPAP has hosted conferences, workshops and lectures offered by leading scholars on ethical issues in the areas of end of life care, global justice, health care policy, environmental policy and agricultural policy. Finally, MEPAP has offered professional development courses on Teaching Ethics and Conservation Ethics.
Faculty affiliated with the Mansfield Center teach courses on current affairs, ethics, public policy, Asian history, culture, politics, and other key issues of relevance to our mission and University of Montana needs. The Center also works with an array of campus units to coordinate the Asian Studies Program. The Center holds seminars, workshops, and institutes for Montana teachers and is a partner in the National Consortium for Teaching About Asia.

The Center holds an annual Mansfield Conference on a broad theme of contemporary interest. Recent conferences have focused on health care reform, women’s leadership, climate change, and food security.

Study abroad for high school and university students is an important focus of our global education. The American Youth Leadership Program, funded by the U.S. Department of State, supports natural resource study in Cambodia for 20 Montana high school students and two teachers. Also funded by the U.S. Department of State, the Study of the U.S. Institute brings undergraduate student leaders to Montana for one month to study global environmental issues. Other international educational opportunities include a six-credit wintersession program for both undergraduate and graduate students on culture and climate change in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam.

Holding Up Half the Sky:
WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, April 26, 2012
Dell Brown Room, Turner Hall
The University of Montana

27TH ANNUAL MANSFIELD CONFERENCE

Sponsored by The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana

9:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

PANEL I: Violence Against Women
Moderated by Dr. Sarah L. Haywood, Department of Communication Studies
- Ms. Leslie A. Hagen, National Indian Country Training Coordinator, U.S. Department of Justice
- Ms. Soeum Soren, Assistant Director, Legal Support for Children and Women, Phnom Penh
- Ms. Sarah Petrin Williamson, Protection Advocate, Displaced Women and Girls

PANEL II: Law
Moderated by Ms. Julie R. Sirrs, Attorney, Boone Karlberg P.C.
- Mr. Matthew Fletcher, Professor of Law & Director of the Indigenous Law & Policy Center, Michigan State University College of Law
- Ms. Aisha Rahman, Executive Director of KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights
- Mr. Aram A. Schvey, Policy Counsel for Foreign Policy and Human Rights, Center for Reproductive Rights

PANEL III: Development
Moderated by Mr. Rick Hill, Director, Crisis Response & Stabilization, AECOM International Development
- Dr. Roma Bhattacharjea, Senior Gender Advisor, Policy and Planning Division, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, United Nations Development Programme
- Mr. NGO Thi Thu Hang, Senior Trainer and Consultant, Centre for Community Empowerment, Hanoi
- Dr. Terry Weidner, Director, The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center

PANEL IV: Leadership
Moderated by Rep. Diane Sands, Montana House of Representatives
- Ms. Kim Gandy, Vice President and General Counsel, Feminist Majority Foundation and Feminist Majority
- Dr. Sutada Mekrungruengkul, Co-Director, Women Network Reshaping Thailand and Member, Regional Executive Council, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, Bangkok
- Dr. Luana Ross, President, Salish Kootenai College

Free and open to the public, but seating is limited. For more information and to reserve your seat, please see www.umt.edu/mansfield or call 406-243-2988.
The Mansfield International Training Program provides cross-cultural instruction in a variety of areas drawing on the expertise of the University of Montana and the western Montana community. Commonly offered training involves business, law, education, natural resources, climate change, public administration, media, U.S. culture and society, or the media. Lectures by University faculty members are supplemented by field study, engagement with community leaders, and hands-on workshops.

A key component of our training programs is support of global governmental objectives. The U.S. Department of State is a key partner in programs for mid-level professionals in such areas as economic development; youth and sports; women’s leadership; and global environmental issues.
Through the Mansfield Center, the Defense Critical Language and Culture Program (DCLCP) provides intensive training for the U.S. military and other Department of Defense (DoD) personnel through a congressionally-funded Language Training Center initiative administered by DoD’s Defense Language National Security Education Office. The DCLCP presents courses on the languages of Chinese (Mandarin), Korean, Pashto, Dari and Urdu as well as courses on the cultures and regional issues associated with East Asia, the Middle East and Central/Southwest Asia. Course delivery venues include globally delivered synchronous online training via our video teleconferencing studios, in-residence classroom training, Mobile Training Teams and iso-immersion segments at The University of Montana’s Lubrecht Experimental Forest complex. All courses presented are specifically structured to meet the content, length, location and rotation/training schedule of our customer military units and other DoD agencies. In addition to commercially available courseware and course materials produced internal to the DoD, a significant portion of our material is developed internally and available as iPad or iPhone applications.
The Mansfield Legal Reform Initiative

The Center works with colleagues around the world to promote legal reform and advance the rule of law, a vital component of legitimate and accountable government. The program brings together professionals involved in legal reform, promotes international exchanges, sponsors conferences on relevant criminal justice issues, and supports on-site and distance learning.

The Legal Atlas is an initiative supported by the Mansfield Center that maps the world of law. The project focuses on the study of environmental laws around the globe to discover how they work, where, and why. This research generates new knowledge to build smarter laws for a better planet.

LegalAtlas Co-Director James Wingard receives the 2012 Innovating Justice Award from the Hague Institute for the Internationalization of Law (Bottom Right)

LEGAL ATLAS CO-DIRECTOR JAMES WINGARD RECEIVES THE 2012 INNOVATING JUSTICE AWARD FROM THE HAGUE INSTITUTE FOR THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF LAW (BOTTOM RIGHT)
The Mansfield Center is home to the only Confucius Institute in the Northern Rockies in a cooperative partnership between The University of Montana, the Government of China Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban), and the Southwest University of Political Science and Law (SWUPL) of Chongqing. Instructional content, however, is controlled by the Mansfield Center itself. Our Confucius Institute is part of an international network dedicated to education, public programming, and teacher training on Chinese language, history, culture and current affairs. The Chinese language and culture programs offered by the Confucius Institute are provided to K-16 institutions and the public throughout Montana. The purpose is to enhance public understanding of Chinese culture and language in the belief that these will provide a solid community-based foundation for U.S.-China relations now and in the future.
While an endowment was created in 1983 by the United States Congress to honor the life and service of Senator Mansfield, less than four percent of the Center’s budget is drawn from this endowment. We rely on the financial support of government, private foundations, corporations, and individuals for the work that we do.

All contributions are tax-deductible and can be designated for general programming, an endowed chair, or for a specific project.

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MIKE MANSFIELD, MARCH 27, 1980