# The Edmund S. Muskie Scholars Program in History, Politics and Government

June 23-July 5, 2002



A residential program for outstanding high school seniors

## **An Opportunity to Explore**

The Edmund S. Muskie Scholars Program offers two weeks of intensive college-level instruction to outstanding high school seniors who have a strong interest in U.S. political history since World War II.

Participants in the program live on campus. During their two weeks of residence, they examine in depth such topics as the civil rights and other social protest movements, the emergence of environmentalism, the U.S. economy, the Vietnam War and Watergate. At the same time, students are encouraged to develop an historical perspective on contemporary political events and developments.

As in college, Muskie Scholars attend lectures, engage in small-group discussions and in-class exercises, and make use of the rich instructional resources of the College, including the more than 600,000 volumes in Ladd Library. A key feature of the program is a substantive assignment that demands research in the papers of Edmund S. Muskie in the Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library, one of the largest collections in the nation on a political figure.

In addition to their academic work, Muskie Scholars participate in recreational activities, including a trip to the Maine coast, cook outs and social gatherings with participants in other Bates summer programs.

The faculty, drawn from Bates College and top high schools, works individually with students to help them develop research methods, writing skills and study techniques.

Students are selected on the basis of their grades, teacher recommendations and writing samples. Alumni of the program have come from throughout New England as well as Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. They have gone on to study at Bates, the University of Chicago, Harvard, Simmons, Smith, the University of Vermont, Wellesley and Yale, among other institutions of higher education. Each student has left the Bates campus with a richer understanding of recent U.S. political history and contemporary politics, enhanced research and

writing skills and a clear sense of the rigors of college life.

Since 1989, hundreds of young people have taken advantage of this chance to take a college-level history course, live on campus and develop their academic skills and portfolio. We invite you to nominate yourself or one of your students to come to Bates in the summer of 2002.

# The Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library

Edmund S. Muskie was a leading political figure in Maine and the nation from the late 1940s to the early 1990s. Born in Rumford, Maine, the second of six children and the son and grandson of Polish



immigrants, he attended public schools. In 1936, he graduated cum laude from Bates College, where he was president of his class and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the College's awardwinning debate team.

Muskie began his political career in the Maine House of Representatives and was elected governor for two

terms before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 1958. During his 21 years in the Senate, he served on the Foreign Relations and Governmental Affairs committees and was the founder and first chair of the Senate Committee on the Budget. As a leading member of the Environmental and Public Works Committee in the 1960s and early 1970s, he guided through Congress the landmark bills that form the core of environmental legislation in this country. In 1968, Muskie was the Democratic nominee for U.S. vice president and made a strong bid for the 1972 Democratic nomination for the presidency. He was sworn in as the 58th U.S. secretary of state on May 8, 1980, a position he held until January, 1981.

The Edmund S. Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library documents the late senator's

exemplary career in public service, from his first election to the Maine House of Representatives to his appointment as U.S. secretary of state by President Jimmy Carter.

The Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library is especially strong in documentary evidence on the political history of Maine and the nation from World War II to the early 1990s. The Archives and Special Collections Library provides students and faculty at Bates and elsewhere an opportunity to gain first-hand experience in historical research using primary sources.

Students in the Edmund S. Muskie Scholars Program receive training in archival research and gain valuable skills and experience through full access to the holdings of the Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library.

### The Faculty

#### Co-Director

### Christopher M. Beam

Dr. Beam is the archivist at the Edmund S. Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library and a lecturer in the Department of History at Bates College since 1988. Before coming to Bates, he spent 11 years at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. During this period he worked more than four years processing the Nixon White House tapes. A native of Brunswick, Maine, he graduated from Williams College in 1967; served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, including a tour in Vietnam; and earned a Ph.D. in history from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His major academic interests are the Vietnam War, the Nixon presidency and the Watergate scandal.

#### Co-Director

#### Christopher W. Babbidge

Mr. Babbidge is chair of the Social Studies Department at Maine's Kennebunk High School, where he teaches Modern Studies and American Government. He has 28 years experience as an instructor of American History, including eight years in

Greenville and 19 in Kennebunk. He advises numerous co-curricular activities, including Mock Trial Competition and Model State Legislature, and he has taught Advanced Placement U.S. History for 13 years. A graduate of the University of Southern Maine, he has served as a John Hancock Fellow and as president of the Maine Council for the Social Studies. A charter member of the Bates Edmund S. Muskie Scholars Program, he will serve his 12th year on the faculty, sharing his special interest in political and constitutional history.



### **Bates College**

Bates was founded 144 years ago by people who believed strongly in freedom, civil rights and the importance of a higher education for all. Bates is devoted to undergraduate education in the arts and sciences, and commitment to teaching excellence is central to the College's mission.

Bates was the first co-educational college in New England, admitting students without regard to race, religion, national origin or gender. Today approximately 1,600 students come to Bates from 47 states and 25 countries. Between 10 and 15 percent of most graduating classes are of non-majority cultural background, and another five percent are international students. The College is recognized for its inclusive social character; there are no fraternities or sororities, and student organizations are open to all.

The College offers 39 fields of study (32 as majors) and opportunities for guided interdisciplinary study. In 1991, Bates was among 50 colleges identified from a total pool of nearly 3,200 institutions as the "International 50," recognizing its special place in providing students with the perspective and the opportunities that lead to international service, and the confidence to view themselves as citizens of the world. In recent years more than 65 percent of the College's students have participated in a study-abroad experience, the sixth highest rate in the country.

Bates also has a long tradition of recognizing that the privilege of education carries with it a responsibility to others. Learning at Bates has always been connected to action, a connection expressed by the extraordinary level of participation by students in service activities, by graduates in their choice of careers and by their persistence in volunteer activities and community leadership. In the last academic year, 47 faculty members from 26 departments and interdisciplinary programs incorporated service-learning components into their courses, and Bates students were involved in nearly 1,300 community-based learning projects, with 113 different community agencies and institutions.

The College is located on a 109-acre traditional New England campus located in Lewiston-Auburn, an urban community of about 80,000 people. Participants in the Edmund S. Muskie Scholars Program are housed in double rooms in one of the College's residence halls and get their meals at Memorial Commons. Participants are encouraged to explore and use campus facilities, including the Museum of Art, Ladd Library, nine tennis courts, an Olympic-size swimming pool and the field house.

### **Application Procedure**

Admission applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2002. In addition to the form, please submit a letter of evaluation from a teacher and/or principal, a secondary-school transcript and a sample of your academic writing (preferably in history or government). Cost for room, board and tuition (including field trips) for the two weeks is \$800. A non-refundable application fee of \$50 should be submitted with other application materials. (This fee will be waived when appropriate.)

Financial support may be available through the gifted and talented program in local school districts. Applicants are encouraged to discuss this possibility with their guidance counselors. Other funds may be available through the Muskie Scholars Program directly. Please call the program office (207-786-6202) for additional financial aid information.

Completed applications should be sent to: Edmund S. Muskie Scholars Program Bates College, 163 Wood Street Lewiston, Maine 04240-6016 (207) 786-6206 or (207) 786-6077

Fax: (207) 786-8282 summer@bates.edu www.bates.edu/summer

# Edmund S. Muskie Scholars Program 2002 Registration

Name
Grade in September 2002
Date of Birth
Male/Female (for housing purposes)
Address
City, State, Zip Code
Home telephone
Email
High School
School telephone
Special Programs (AP, summer, gifted and talented, etc.)
Future educational plans

T-shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Bates College reserves the right to cancel this program at any time for any reason without notice. In the event of cancellation by the College, the College's liability to participants is limited to the refunding of any deposit or payment received as of the date of cancellation.

Bates values a diverse college community. Moreover, Bates does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, age or disability, in the recruitment and admission of its students, in the administration of its educational policies and programs or in the recruitment and employment of its faculty and staff.



# **Emergency Medical Form**

Student's name
Parent or Guardian (please indicate which)
Daytime telephone
Evening telephone
Name of person to contact in an emergency, in the event a parent
or guardian cannot be reached
Relationship to student
Daytime telephone
Evening telephone
Special medical conditions such as physical restrictions, allergies,
emotional considerations or other relevant data, of which
program personnel should be aware:
Date of last tetanus shot or booster
Insurance carrier
Policy number
Toney number
This is to authorize emergency treatment for the above-named
minor.
Signature of parent or guardian
Date

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