

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, April 12, 7:30 p.m. at the Institute**

*“An Evening with Walter Mondale”*

Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale

(Free and Open to the Public, however Tickets are Required,  
Call 864-4900 to get on waiting list for tickets)

**Tuesday, April 17 2007 7:30 p.m. at the Institute**

*“Ronald Reagan: Fate, Freedom, and the Making of History”*

John Patrick Diggins

Author & Distinguished Professor of History,  
City University of New York Graduate Center

**Sunday, April 22, 7:30 p.m. at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts**

*THE DOLE LEADERSHIP PRIZE*

Howard Baker, Honoree

Former U.S. Senate Majority Leader

(Free and Open to the Public, However Tickets are Required,  
Available at the Lied Center )

**Wednesday, May 2, 2007, 7:30 pm at the Institute**

*THE DOLE LECTURE*

General Richard B. Myers

Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

(Free and Open to the Public, However Tickets are Required,  
Available at the Dole Institute beginning Friday, April 13, 2007)

*Weekly Study Groups:*

**“The Politics of Disaster”**

with Scott Morris, Director of FEMA’s Florida Long Term Recovery  
meets from 4:00-5:30 pm at the Dole Institute  
on the following Wednesdays: April 11, April 18

**“You Be the Governor: Making Decisions in the  
Fast Lane—Policy vs. Politics”**

with Bob Holden, Former Governor of Missouri

meets from 4:00-5:30 pm at the Dole Institute  
on the following Thursdays: April 5, April 12, April 19

*All events are free and open to the public*



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*The Dole Institute of Politics  
is pleased to present*

## Michael Brown

*Former Director of FEMA*



*“Hurricane Katrina:  
An Insider Tells  
His Side of the Story”*

*7:30 p.m.*

*Wednesday, April 4, 2007*

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About....

## *Michael Brown*

Nominated by President George W. Bush to several Homeland Security positions, Michael D. Brown was twice confirmed by the United States Senate. President Bush nominated Mr. Brown as the first Under Secretary in the Department of Homeland Security. That nomination was preceded by his unique experience as the President's appointee to lead a White House Transition Planning Office team for the newly created Department, making him the only Presidential nominee to work in a legacy agency (FEMA), on the transition team to the new department, and as one of the four senior leaders of the new department.

Prior to his nomination as Under Secretary, President Bush appointed him as General Counsel to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Shortly after the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks, the President nominated Mr. Brown as the Deputy Director of FEMA.

Following the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks President Bush named Mr. Brown to the President's Consequence Management Principal's Committee, which served as the White House policy coordination group for the federal response to the attacks. The President later asked him to lead the Consequence Management Working Group to identify and resolve key issues regarding the federal response to future incidents of terrorism.

Mr. Brown oversaw and managed more than 13,000 full and part time employees and a \$12 billion budget of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Flood Insurance Administration, the U.S. Fire Administration, the National Disaster Medical System, the Nuclear Incident Response Teams, the Domestic Emergency Support Team, the Office of National Security Coordination and the Office of International Affairs. He also served on the Department's Investment Review Board overseeing the \$41 billion budget and investment decisions of the Department.

During Mr. Brown's tenure he lead FEMA through its greatest period of activity in its 26-year history. He has worked hundreds of disasters, including the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks in New York and the Pentagon, the Bam Iran earthquake, the historic California and Western U.S. Wildfire season, the unprecedented outbreak of hurricanes in the Southeastern United States; and, the tsunami in South Asia and Hurricane Katrina.

Mr. Brown served as the U.S. Representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) Civil Emergency Planning Committee. In that role he negotiated and mediated agreements among the NATO member countries. His NATO experience led to numerous diplomatic missions throughout Europe. He was a member of the U.S. – Great Britain Contact Working Group, which sought to strengthen homeland security initiatives between the two countries.

When a devastating earthquake hit Bam, Iran, President Bush asked Mr. Brown to organize a humanitarian relief effort on behalf of the United States. His efforts led to medical teams and urban search and rescue teams providing relief in Iran, the first U.S. citizens to work in that country in over 25 years. Those teams became the leading medical and rescue teams in the country.

President Bush named Mr. Brown to a three-person Presidential Delegation consisting of former Secretary of State Colin Powell and Florida Governor Jeb Bush to South Asia following the tsunami in Indonesia, Thailand and Sri Lanka. The delegation met with the prime ministers and presidents of the affected countries throughout South Asia, the first foreign delegation to meet with the affected countries following the tsunami.

His background in emergency management began with his career in Edmond, Oklahoma, where he served as Assistant to the City Manager. Prior to joining the Bush Administration in 2001 he practiced law in Colorado and Oklahoma. He was appointed by the Oklahoma Supreme Court as a bar examiner and by the Colorado Supreme Court as a hearing examiner.

During his legal career, he negotiated manufacturing contracts in Brazil, France and Argentina. He has negotiated oil and gas offshore drilling concessions with the government of Peru. He has served as the Chairman of the Board of the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority, a private electrical utility. He has served in numerous nonprofit associations and was the first Commissioner of the International Arabian Horse Association where he oversaw the implementation of ethics and management systems.

A native of Oklahoma, Mr. Brown holds a bachelor's degree in Public Administration and Political Science from the University of Central Oklahoma. He received his juris doctorate degree from the Oklahoma City University School of Law where he also taught as an adjunct professor.

Mr. Brown and his wife, Tamara, have been married for 32 years. They have two adult children and one grandchild.