

Constance Morella Speaking At Clarkson

POTSDAM - Constance Morella, former U.S. congresswoman and ambassador to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, will speak at Clarkson University on Dec. 3.

Clarkson Associate Professor of History Laura Ettinger will interview Morella in front of a live audience at 7 p.m. in CAMP Room 177 (#5 on the map at http://www.clarkson.edu/about/clarkson_map.pdf) about her career as a moderate Republican in the House of Representatives. The event is open to the public.

From 1987 until 2003, Morella represented Maryland's Eighth Congressional District, where she developed a national reputation as a leading advocate for women, children and families. Previously, she served in the Maryland House of Delegates and is the only female member of the Maryland General Assembly to be elected to the U.S. Congress.

During her 16 years in the House of Representatives, Morella was a leader in efforts to promote economic growth through science and technology, serving as a member of the House Committee on Science and chairing the Subcommittee on Technology. A supporter of economic growth through free trade, Morella advocated for liberalized trade rules and heightened international engagement. She chaired the Con-



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gressional Caucus for Women's Issues, advancing efforts to promote access to micro-enterprise capital among women in developing countries.

Morella served as ambassador to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) from 2003 to 2007 and is the first United States ambassador to the OECD ever to have served in the U.S. Congress.

Morella has received numerous awards and recognitions, including induction into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame and outstanding public service awards from the American Medical Association, the American Bar Association, and the Hubert H. Humphrey Civil Rights Award. She is on the board of the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange, In-

stitute for Representative Government, Cafritz Foundation Advisory Board, and the Washington Institute of Foreign Affairs.

President Barack Obama in 2010 appointed her to the American Battle Monuments Commission. In 2009, she was appointed ambassador in residence at American University School of Public Affairs, where she teaches "Women, Politics and Public Policy."

The event will later be broadcast as part of the North Country Matters television series, a collaboration between Clarkson, the St. Lawrence County Branch of the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters of St. Lawrence County to educate North Country residents about public policy issues facing the region. North Country Matters is broadcast on WCKN on cable channel 30 (digital 97-3) in the Potsdam area at 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

This event is sponsored by the Clarkson University Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, SPECTRUM, the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters.

St. Lawrence University's Contemporary Issues Forum is hosting Morella as a Council of Independent Colleges Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow from Dec. 1 to Dec. 5.