

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, March 17th, 2007 10:30a.m. at the Institute**

*White Glove Tour of the Dole Archive*

This 40-minute tour takes you behind-the-scenes of the Institute, into the environmentally-controlled archive and the processing rooms.

For more information call 785-864-1420 or email [asweets@ku.edu](mailto:asweets@ku.edu).

**Wednesday, March 28, 2007 7:30 p.m. at the Institute**

*“Monkey Girl: Evolution, Education, Religion, and the Battle for America’s Soul”*

Edward Humes

Author & Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist

**Wednesday, April 4, 2007 7:30p.m. at the Institute**

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

Michael Brown

Former director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

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

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

John Patrick Diggins

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

*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:

March 28, April 4, 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:

March 15, March 29, April 5, April 12, April 19



**ROBERT J. DOLE  
INSTITUTE OF POLITICS**

The University of Kansas

*The Dole Institute  
is pleased to present*

## Christopher Cooper

Author and *Wall Street Journal* Reporter



*“Disaster: Hurricane Katrina and the Failure of Homeland Security”*

March 14, 2007

7:30 p.m.



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About....

*Christopher Cooper*

**A book signing will follow the lecture.**



Publishers Weekly states that: *Disaster: Hurricane Katrina and the Failure of Homeland Security* (2006), “slogs through the intricacies of this bureaucratic nightmare and goes beyond the usual pillorying of FEMA head Michael Brown to criticize higher officials in the White House and, especially, DHS. Cooper and Block manage to thread a readable, coherent story through the morass of detail and acronyms, with disquieting implications about the government's ability to cope with catastrophe.”

Chris Cooper co-authored *Disaster* with Bobby Block (who covers the Department of Homeland Security for *The Wall Street Journal*). Mr. Cooper is a former White House correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal* who currently covers national politics. Prior to joining the Washington bureau in late 2002, Chris served as a foreign correspondent for the paper, covering the Middle East and continental Europe. He is a former political reporter at *The Times-Picayune of New Orleans* and a proud graduate of the University of Florida.

Mr. Cooper lives in Washington with his wife and son.

*The Washington Post* calls *Disaster*, “likely the best in-depth contemporary analysis” of the Hurricane Katrina debacle that America has yet seen. It is, the paper says, a “searing indictment of a post-9/11 federal government more intent on dealing with hypothetical dangers than real ones”. The review, written by Stephen Flynn, a former Coast Guard Commander turned author and homeland security guru, praises the book as a tightly crafted and very readable book, “by two veteran reporters who tenaciously piece together the inside story of how the Bush administration unraveled when confronted with its first major post-9/11 domestic emergency.” “Given that future catastrophes are inevitable,” the Post says, “this book is a call to arms to demand a far more competent federal emergency response than Washington has been willing to provide.” (excerpt from *The Washington Post*)

*This lecture is being simulcasted at KU's EdwardsCampus.*