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Summary: This year's O. Truman Driggs Distinguished Lecture complements the yearlong 2010 Celebration.

(September 21, 2010)-W.J. Rorabaugh, professor of history at the University of Washington, will give the 26th annual O. Truman Driggs Distinguished Lecture on Tuesday, September 21, 2010, at the University of Minnesota, Morris. The lecture, “Hippies in the 1960s,” is free and open to the public. The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall.

Rorabaugh’s topic for the Driggs Lecture reflects his current research area. He also studies Early Republic Period (1780–1830) social movements, the United States in the 1960s, and alcohol and drug history. He is the author of The Real Making of the President: Kennedy, Nixon, and the 1960 Election Kennedy and the Promise of the Sixties America: A Concise History, co-authored with Donald Critchlow Berkeley at War: The 1960s The Craft Apprentice: From Franklin to the Machine Age and The Alcoholic Republic: An American Tradition. Rorabaugh has served as managing editor of the Pacific Northwest Quarterly and as president of the Alcohol and Drug History Society.

At the University of Washington, Rorabaugh teaches 19th Century United States History and United States Social History. He earned a doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley in 1976. In addition to his lecture, Rorabaugh will meet with Morris history majors as part of his campus visit.

Presented by the Division of the Social Sciences and the University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association, the endowed Driggs Lecture was created in 1985 by alumni and friends of the late O. Truman Driggs, professor of history, who taught from 1963 until the time of his death in 1989. He served as the Division of the Social Sciences chair from 1968 until 1977. Annually, the lecture brings distinguished visitors to the Morris campus to speak on topics relating to history, the liberal arts, or public affairs. This year, the Driggs Lecture complements the yearlong 2010 Celebration recognizing the University of Minnesota, Morris’s 50th birthday and the campus’s opening in September 1960.

A panel discussion, audience questions, and a reception follow the lecture.

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