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DURHAM, N.H. – Microfinance pioneer Jessica Jackley-Flannery, who founded the first person-to-person microfinance website that empowers people to lend directly to entrepreneurs in the developing world, will speak at the University of New Hampshire Tuesday, May 5, 2009.

Jackley-Flannery's presentation, "Social Entrepreneurship and Life Changing Loans," takes place at 3:30 p.m. in the Wildcat Den, Memorial Union Building. The event is free and open to the public.

Jackley-Flannery is the co-founder of Kiva, which is expected to have facilitated more than \$100 million loans by 2010. She has worked in the Stanford Center for Social Innovation to launch the inaugural Global Philanthropy Forum.

The event is sponsored by the UNH Whittemore School for Business and Economics, the Carsey Institute, the Office of Sustainability, and the departments of education, sociology and communication.

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