



DeMitchell To Present Distinguished Kimball Lecture Friday, Sept. 15

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Todd DeMitchell, professor of education, will present the Kimball Lecture Friday, Sept. 15, 2006. The title of his lecture is "The Inadequacy of Legal Protections for the Sexual Abuse of Students."

The Kimball Lecture will take place at 3:30 p.m. Richards Auditorium, Murkland Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

DeMitchell is the tenth recipient of the Roland B. and Charlotte Kimball Faculty Fellowship, which is awarded each year to an outstanding member of the Department of Education who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in his or her field. Past recipients have included John Carney, Michael Andrew, Ann Diller, Nodie Oja, Grant Cioffi and Barbara Houston.

"Todd is a distinguished member of the Education Department and most deserving of the Kimball Fellowship. He has a long record of scholarship in the field of educational law, is past chair of the department and a highly regarded instructor. Beyond these qualities, Todd is a gracious colleague, devoted to the well being of the department. I am very pleased to help convey this honor to Todd on behalf of the department and Roland and Charlotte Kimball," said Scott Fletcher, chair of the Department of Education.

The fellowship was established by the Kimballs following the retirement of Chuck Kimball, former long-time department chair and interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

DeMitchell, a professor in the Department of Education and the Justice Studies program, received his Ed.D. from the University of Southern California and conducted post doctoral work at Harvard.

He studies the impact of legal mechanisms -- court cases, statutes, and collective bargaining -- on schools and colleges. He has conducted research about sexual abuse and legal remedies, school uniforms and free speech, affirmative action, educational malpractice, and collective bargaining and educational reform. He has published three books: *Negligence: What Principals Need to Know to Avoid Liability* (2006); *The Limits of Law-Based School Reform: Vain Hopes and False Promises* (with Richard Fossey) (1997); and *Teachers Unions and TQE: Building Quality Labor Relations* (with William A. Streshly) (1994); and more than 110 articles, book chapters and essays. He has received awards for teaching and research.

Prior to joining the faculty at UNH as an assistant professor, he spent 18 years in the public schools. He held a number of positions: substitute teacher, elementary school teacher, lead teacher, assistant principal, principal, director of personnel and labor relations, and

superintendent.