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DURHAM, N.H. – Kennedy scholar Ellen Fitzpatrick, professor of history at the University of New Hampshire, is available to discuss the Kennedy legacy as the nation marks the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of John F. Kennedy Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011.

"John F. Kennedy's call to service, his emphasis on change, and his faith in the future inspired a generation of Americans who still hold close the memory of the young president whose administration lasted little more than a thousand days. A half a century later, those ideals still resonate," Fitzpatrick says.

Fitzpatrick is the author of “Letters to Jackie: Condolences From A Grieving Nation” (Ecco, 2010), a book that, for the first time, examines the collection of 1.5 million condolence letters received by First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy and creates an incredible portrait of the nation’s grief from a cross-section of American society.

Fitzpatrick, a professor and scholar specializing in modern American political and intellectual history, is the author and editor of six books and has appeared regularly on PBS’s The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer. She has been interviewed as an expert on modern American political history by the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Los Angeles Times, USA Today, the Boston Globe, the Washington Post, CBS’s Face the Nation, and National Public Radio. She has been recognized for Excellence in Public Service at the University of New Hampshire.

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