

## G. Calvin Mackenzie

For more than a quarter century Cal Mackenzie was The Goldfarb Family Distinguished Professor of Government at Colby College where he taught for 38 years. He is a graduate of Bowdoin College, where he served as a Trustee from 1986-1998, and he has a Ph.D. in Government from Harvard.

Mackenzie's professional work focuses on governance and public policy, with a special interest in presidential transitions and the politics of presidential appointments. He has been a consultant to presidential personnel staffs and congressional committees on those matters. Mackenzie frequently testifies on personnel and ethics issues before congressional committees and special commissions and has led seminars on government ethics for senior executives of the U.S. Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service. During and after the presidential transition in 2001, he was Senior Advisor to the Presidential Appointee Initiative in Washington while serving as Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institution. In 2002, he was Senior Advisor to the National Commission on the Public Service chaired by Paul Volcker.

Mackenzie is the author or editor of scores of articles and more than fifteen books. Among those are *The Politics of Presidential Appointments*, *The House at Work*, *America's Unelected Government*, *The In-and-Outers*, *The Irony of Reform: Roots of American Political Disenchantment*, *Bucking the Deficit: Economic Policy Making in America* (with economist Saranna Thornton), *Innocent Until Nominated: The Breakdown of the Presidential Appointments Process*, and *Scandal Proof: Can Ethics Laws Make Government Ethical? The Liberal Hour: Washington and the Politics of Change in the 1960s* (co-authored with historian Robert Weisbrot) was one of two finalists for the 2009 Pulitzer Prize in History. His latest book, *The Imperiled Presidency: Leadership Challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, was published in 2016

In 1985, Mackenzie was elected President of the New England Political Science Association. From 1985 through 1988, he was Vice President for Development at Colby. In 1992, he was appointed to serve as a chair of Maine's Board of Arbitration and Conciliation. In 1996, he was elected chairman of Maine's Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. During the 1999-2000 academic year, Mackenzie was the John Adams Fellow at the Institute of United States Studies at the University of London. In 2004, he was elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. In 2005, he was a Fulbright Professor at Beijing Foreign Studies University in China.

One of the last generation of American conscripts, Mackenzie was drafted into the Army in 1969 and served with the First Cavalry Division in Viet Nam in 1970 and 1971, earning two Bronze Stars and three Army Commendation Medals. He returned to Viet Nam in 2012 as a Fulbright Professor at the Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences in Ha Noi. He has traveled to Viet Nam regularly since then and has lectured and photographed extensively there and throughout Southeast Asia.