

**K-STATE'S INSTITUTE FOR CIVIC DISCOURSE AND DEMOCRACY TO PRESENT  
LECTURE BY FORMER KANSAS GOV. JOHN CARLIN**

MANHATTAN (March 17) -- Former Kansas Gov. John Carlin, now a visiting professor of political science at Kansas State University, will present "Ground Up, Not Top Down: What Our Future Depends On" as part of the K-State Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy's Lecture Series in Civic Discourse.

The lecture will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 30, in the K-State Alumni Center Ballroom. It is free and the public is invited.

Carlin has a long record of public service to the state and to the nation. He was first elected to public office in 1970 as a member of the Kansas House of Representatives. He became assistant minority leader of the House in 1975, minority leader from 1976-77, and was speaker of the House from 1977-79. He then was elected the 40th governor of Kansas and served from 1979 to 1987.

In 1995, Carlin became the national archivist. He was nominated to the post by President Bill Clinton and served until 2005. As the national archivist, he was in charge of the National Archives and Records Administration, an independent federal agency which preserves and makes available the records of the federal government to ensure ready access to essential evidence for the public, the federal government and the courts. The 33 facilities of the National Archives include the nation's 11 presidential libraries.

Carlin joined K-State in fall 2005. He also serves as the executive-in-residence to the master of public administration program. Carlin earned a bachelor's degree in dairy science from K-State in 1962.

K-State established the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy in 2004 to address the growing national problem of stalemate and cynicism in public discourse. The institute works to enhance democratization locally, nationally and internationally through improved communication processes, development of a certified training program and interdisciplinary research on models of civic discourse. Housed in the department of speech communication, theater and dance, the institute conducts research, training and outreach in three principle interest areas: communication and representative democracy; communication and deliberative democracy; and crisis communication and democracy.

More information about the institute is available at <http://www.k-state.edu/icdd>