

Slattery to visit Washburn University, speak on U.S.-Iran relations**Aug. 27, 2015****For Immediate Release**

TOPEKA – Washburn University will host Washburn alumnus and former Congressman Jim Slattery Monday, Aug. 31. Slattery will be on campus to discuss U.S.-Iran relations.

Slattery will speak to political science, government and law students during the day, followed by a presentation open to the public in Mabee Library on the Washburn campus. A reception will be held from 6 to 6:30 p.m. The presentation, *Iran and the U.S. – The Persian Puzzle*, is at 6:30 p.m. followed by questions from the audience.

Slattery, a six-term U.S. Congressman, was a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee during his 12-year tenure in Congress. This Committee has broad jurisdiction over health care, energy, telecommunications and environmental issues. He also served on the House Budget, Veteran Affairs and Banking and Energy committees.

He travels frequently to the Middle East to encourage interfaith dialogue and reconciliation and has served as an international election monitor in Iraq, Ukraine and Nicaragua. Over the last 10 years, Slattery has participated in an interface dialogue with Iran.

Prior to his election to congress, Slattery served in the Kansas House of Representatives and as an officer in the Kansas Army National Guard.

Slattery is a partner in the law firm of Wiley Rein, L.L.P., Washington, D.C., where he heads the Public Policy Practice. He advises clients who have matters pending before Congress, federal agencies and regulatory bodies.

Slattery received his bachelor of arts in political science and his juris doctor from Washburn University. He serves on the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors and the law school's Board of Advisors for the Business and Transactional Law Center. He joined the Washburn University Foundation's Board of Trustees in 1993. He was honored with an Alumni Distinguished Service award in 1986 and named a Washburn University Alumni Association Fellow in 2001.

Slattery and his wife, Linda, reside in McLean, VA.

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Slattery is available for interviews at 5:30 p.m. in Mabee Library, and many photo opportunities will be available throughout the day if media are interested. For more information, contact Kathy Busch, director of communications,

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