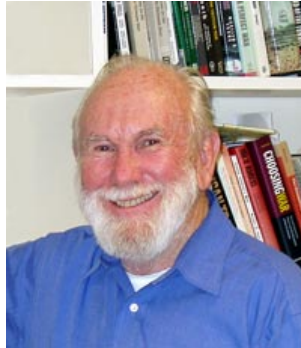


The Kell F. Mitchell Memorial Undergraduate Award



In memory of Dr. Kell F. Mitchell (1936-2010), the Department of History at the University of Memphis announces the commencement of a yearly award in his honor. Each May, faculty members of the department will select a deserving student for this award based on the following criteria:

1. Full time Undergraduate Student at the University of Memphis
2. History Major
3. In Junior year (i.e. 61-89 credit hours)
4. Completed at least 21 credit hours in history at the UofM
5. Highest GPA in History Courses Taken

\$500.00 will be awarded to the University of Memphis Junior who meets these criteria. In the case of a tie the individual with the overall highest GPA will be selected. The \$500 may be used for course books and supplies, etc. for the following fall semester.

About Dr. Mitchell:

Dr. Mitchell joined the UofM Department of History in 1963. After serving for 45 years he retired in December 2008, but continued to teach one course a year and to advise undergraduate history majors. His specialty was American diplomatic history, and he pioneered a course on the Vietnam War in global perspective. Dr. Mitchell also worked to broaden the curriculum to include social and gender history and played a vital role in initiating the University's Women's and Gender Studies program, creating our department's own course in the History of Women in the U.S.

Since 1989, Dr. Mitchell was one of only two faculty members advising the 350 majors in our department. He played an important role in shaping the undergraduate curriculum of the College of Arts and Sciences as a member of its Curriculum Committee for many years, and used his curricular expertise and interest in student welfare to aid his advisees in achieving their academic goals as successfully and expeditiously as possible.

Dr. Mitchell was a man of high academic and civic principle. He had an unwavering commitment to fairness and justice in the University and the community, and was an active participant in causes seeking to advance civil rights and a just international order. It is with great respect and admiration for him that the Department of History created this scholarship in his honor.