

"One can't ever predict how many books and articles will be written from any archive collection, but we can predict with confidence that the McConnell-Chao Archives will educate generations of students and inform top scholars for many decades to come."

—Deborah Skaggs,
Curator of the McConnell-Chao Collection

Though the collection of papers from Senator McConnell and Secretary Chao will take years to process and be made available, the Archives contains an interactive educational facility open to the public during normal business hours of Ekstrom Library. Built around the careers of Senator McConnell and Secretary Chao, the educational facility offers static displays, films and cutting-edge computer interactives designed to educate visitors about American government, history and politics.

Visitors can:

- Take a computer-generated citizenship test
- Watch and evaluate campaign commercials with noted experts Michael Barone and Jennifer Duffy
- View a film on the history of the U.S. Senate narrated by Senator McConnell
- View "The Promise of America," a film outlining Elaine Chao's rise from immigrant to member of the President's Cabinet
- Learn essential lessons from American history and our experience under the U.S. Constitution
- See awards, commendations, documents and other artifacts from the long careers of two of the most consequential Americans of the last two decades



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Located on the Lower Level of Ekstrom Library,
the civics education gallery is open during regular business hours
of the University of Louisville's Library.

Admission is free.

To arrange a special group tour for students and teachers,
please send a request to Malana Salyer at malana.salyer@louisville.edu or call 502-852-8811.



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The University of Louisville has a long and respected history of supporting the most important research and scholarship being done in America today. The new Senator Mitch McConnell and Secretary Elaine L. Chao Archives augment the university's already outstanding archives collection.

When the collections are eventually catalogued and preserved they will be made available to scholars, authors and students who are researching the momentous years covered by the careers of Senator McConnell and Secretary Chao.

The McConnell-Chao Archives are designed to inspire a new generation of Kentucky leaders and help Kentucky students become more knowledgeable and engaged citizens.



Elaine L. Chao and Mitch McConnell — Two Lives of Service and Achievement

Secretary Elaine L. Chao:

- 24th U.S. Secretary of Labor (2001–2008)
- First Asian Pacific American woman to serve in a President's Cabinet
- First Kentuckian named to the President's Cabinet since 1945
- President and Chief Executive Officer of United Way of America (1992–1996)
- Director of the Peace Corps (1991–1992)
- Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation (1989–1991)
- Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission (1988–1989)
- Deputy Maritime Administrator, U.S. Department of Transportation (1986–1988)
- White House Fellow (1983–1984)
- Vice President of Syndications for BankAmerica Capital Markets Group (1984–1986)

U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell:

- Longest-serving U.S. Senator in Kentucky history (24 years and counting)
- First Kentuckian to hold the position of Senate Republican Party Leader (2007–ongoing)
- 28th Senate Republican Whip (2004–2007)
- Chairman, National Republican Senatorial Committee (1996–2000)
- Jefferson County (Ky.) Judge Executive (1978–1984)
- Jefferson County (Ky.) Republican Party Chairman (1973–1975)
- Intern to U.S. Senator John Sherman Cooper (1964)
- Intern to U.S. Representative Gene Snyder (1963)
- President, University of Louisville College of Arts and Sciences Student Council (1963–1964)

"The university is proud of its continuing association with Senator McConnell and Secretary Chao. They have been model alumni and civil servants and the new archive facility will allow us to use their experiences to teach new generations of citizens and leaders of this commonwealth we all love."

—President James Ramsey

The University of Louisville is honored to preserve and manage the McConnell-Chao Archives. The personal papers and professional records generated during their lives and prolific careers constitute documentary legacies of two Kentuckians who have devoted their remarkable careers to public service.

The Archives collection provides primary source material that:

- Serves as indispensable sources for the study of modern American representative democracy
- Documents vital international, national, regional and local public policy developments
- Provides an understanding of people, events and ideas that shaped the state and national political arenas



The civics education gallery of the McConnell-Chao Archives brings people in direct contact with archival material and in doing so extends and enhances the mission of the archives. With this engaging outreach program the McConnell Center and the university hope to create a greater awareness and appreciation for primary sources and their importance in documenting the past to understand the present.