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CELEBRATED AUTHOR, ECONOMIST TO SPEAK AT UM

MISSOULA —

Lester Thurow, professor of management and economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, will present the fall 2008 Harold and Priscilla Gilkey Executive Lecture at The University of Montana on Thursday, Oct. 9.

Thurow's lecture titled "Will the U.S. Be in a Recession in Late 2008 or Early 2009?" will be held at 6 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 106. The event is free and open to the public.

A prolific writer, Thurow is the author of several books -- three of which have been New York Times best-sellers aimed at a general audience. His latest book, "Fortune Favors the Bold: What We Must Do To Build a New and Lasting Global Prosperity," examines today's most pressing global issues.

Thurow has been a professor at MIT for more than 35 years and served as dean of the management school from 1987 to 1993. He taught at Harvard from 1966 to 1968 after a term as a staff economist on President Lyndon Johnson's Council of Economic Advisers. His formal academic work focuses on globalization, economic instability and the distribution of income and wealth. Like Harold Gilkey, Thurow was born in **Livingston**.

The Gilkey Executive Lecture Series was established by the Gilkeys in 2004 to enrich business education at UM. The series is designed to provide the unique experience of direct contact with national and global business leaders to students, faculty and the community.

Thurow's lecture coincides with a groundbreaking ceremony for the Gilkey Center for Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Executive Education, scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10. The event will be held on the lawn west of the Gallagher Business Building.

Speakers will be Thurow, the Gilkey distinguished lecturer; Larry Gianchetta, dean of the School of Business Administration; Brian Schweitzer, governor of Montana; and Priscilla and Harold Gilkey, lead contributors to the Gilkey Center project.

Previous distinguished lecturers include Robert Greifeld, president and CEO of The NASDAQ Stock Market Inc.; Peter Georgescu, former chair of Young & Rubicam Inc.; Raymon Thompson, founder, chair and CEO of Semitool Inc.; Sally Jewell, CEO of REI; and Richard Riccobono, president and CEO of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle.

Harold Gilkey, a 1962 graduate of the UM School of Business Administration, serves as chair and CEO of Spokane-based Sterling Financial Corp. Priscilla Gilkey, a 1962 UM English graduate, is an emeriti trustee of the UM Foundation. Before retiring in 1997, she was employed as vice president of community relations for Empire Health Services, a multi-hospital system in Spokane.

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