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## AMITY SHLAES, NOTED AUTHOR, TO KICK OFF SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES AT COOLIDGE CENTER

Plymouth Notch VT (July 1, 2011) - Amity Shlaes, noted author and Coolidge scholar, will speak at the Coolidge Center at Plymouth Notch, VT on July 6 at 4:00 PM. Ms. Shlaes will kick off the *Speaking of Coolidge* summer speaker series of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation. She will be giving the world a sneak preview of her new biography, *Coolidge*, which is scheduled to be published by HarperCollins early in 2012.

Ms. Shlaes is a senior fellow in economic history at the Council on Foreign Relations and a syndicated columnist at Bloomberg News. She also writes for Forbes. She is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Forgotten Man* and has written for the *Financial Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*, where she was an editorial board member. Over the years she has also written in *New Yorker*, *Fortune*, *National Review*, *The New Republic*, and *Foreign Affairs*. She lives in New York.

Tim Duggan, VP and Executive Editor, Harper said "Amity Shlaes has an uncanny ability to shed new light on history in a way that speaks to our present moment. This book is as much a biography of the 1920s as it is a biography of Calvin Coolidge, and it makes for an extraordinary, eye-opening story of a man and an era that are more relevant now than ever." The book is based on original archival research and will be the defining chronicle of one of America's most influential presidents.

Amity Shlaes' recent book *The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression* spent twenty-six weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list. Ms. Shlaes, a National Advisory Board member of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation, has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the Coolidge project. She reveals in her new book that in good measure because of Coolidge, the 1920s was a decade of common sense, optimism, and tremendous economic growth. In examining Coolidge's lasting achievements as well as his shortcomings, the book illuminates his



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Ms. Shlaes was a featured speaker at Coolidge's *Straight Talk* conference at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum last October in Boston where she discussed Coolidge's skill in managing the economic recovery following World War I. She described how Coolidge led the nation to unparalleled prosperity; how he restored fiscal order, brought prosperity to all, and was able to make government run smoothly. Ms Shlaes also spoke at the Coolidge Seminar in Woodstock VT in October, 2008.

## About Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation:

The Mission of Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation is "to open the eyes of the world to Calvin Coolidge." Its National Advisory Board increases the public awareness and support for the Foundation's initiatives "to become the gateway to all things Coolidge." Our not-for-profit Foundation was established in 1960 in part to redress the fact that there is no federally-funded presidential library for Calvin Coolidge, our 30th U.S. President. The Foundation offices are located in Plymouth Notch, Vermont, an historic hamlet on the U.S. Department of Interior's registry of National Historic Landmarks, in which Calvin Coolidge's was born and raised and is now buried. You can visit Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation's Website at <http://www.calvin-coolidge.org>

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