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Walter Mosley to Speak About Poverty in America

Mystery writer and social activist is featured speaker at the Shriver Center 2006 Awards Dinner

Who: The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law is pleased to announce that **Walter Mosley**, acclaimed mystery writer and social commentator, will be the featured speaker at the Shriver Center 2006 Awards Dinner.

What: We are honored to welcome Walter Mosley, who, as an active voice for people in poverty, shares the vision of the Shriver Center. Through his essays, lectures, and nonfiction works, Mosley advances the cause of social and economic justice by advocating the public good and by giving voice to people rarely heard. In *Workin' on the Chain Gang*, *What Next: A Memoir Toward World Peace*, and *Life Out of Context*, Mosley examines ways that the African American perspective can contribute to political and social progress in the United States. He dares the American public to throw off the "chains" of complacency and ignorance and challenges America's institutions and the world's propensity for never-ending wars. He empowers citizens to speak truth to power.

Some 700 guests, including public officials, leaders from the legal, business, and nonprofit communities, will attend the Shriver Center's 2006 Awards Dinner, the eighth since 1999. The 2006 Sargent Shriver Award for Equal Justice will be presented to Paula E. Boggs and Raul Yzaguirre at the event.

When: Thursday, November 30, 2006
10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Interview Opportunities with Walter Mosley
5:30 p.m. Book Signing
7:00 p.m. Shriver Center 2006 Awards Dinner
8:30 p.m. Walter Mosley's Featured Speech

Where: Hyatt Regency Chicago Crystal Ballroom, 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

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Contact Rikeesha Cannon, the Shriver Center's media relations director, to schedule an interview with Mr. Mosley or for information on the Shriver Center 2006 Awards Dinner. 217.671.1970.