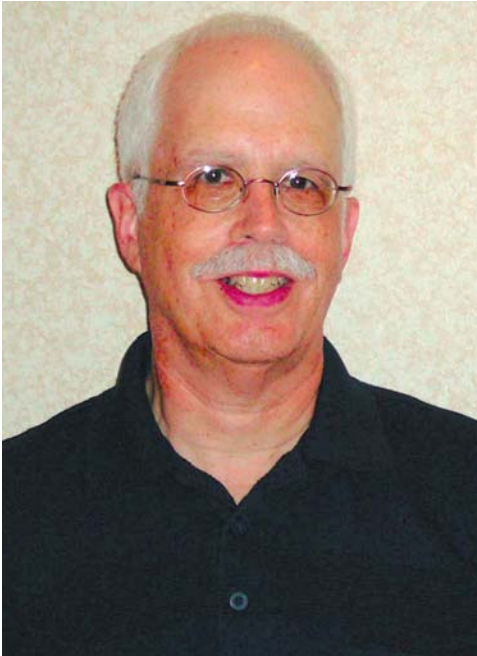


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**Author Mark Okrant to Release Latest Mystery Novel at the Scene of the Crime –
The Mount Washington Hotel – This Weekend on Saturday, November 3rd**



Plymouth State University Professor Mark Okrant is scheduled to release his latest novel, *I Knew You When*, at Mount Washington Resort on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007. The mystery novel is set at The Mount Washington Hotel, the scene of the crime for character Kary Turnell.

Bretton Woods, NH October 31, 2007 – Mark Okrant, a Professor at Plymouth State University is slated to release his latest novel, *I Knew You When* (Oak Manor Publishing, 2008), at Mount Washington Resort in Bretton Woods, N.H., on **Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007, from 8:30 to 9:30 pm.** Okrant will make a presentation in the Conservatory on the main level of the Hotel, then sign copies of his new book.

Okrant is Professor of Geography and Tourism Development and Director of the Institute for New Hampshire Studies at Plymouth State University. He is also an author. In this mystery series, Okrant's main character, Kary Turnell is a university professor who is drawn into investigations at historic resort hotels. *I Knew You When* is the second book of this series. The story begins when a friend's body is found in the shrubbery at Mount Washington Resort in New

Hampshire's White Mountains. The first book in this series, *A Last Resort*, involves Kary solving a mystery at The Balsams Grand Resort Hotel in Dixville Notch, N.H.

According to Okrant, "Having the opportunity, as an author, to learn the inner workings of two grand old ladies, The Balsams and The Mount Washington, has been a wonderful experience for me—and a terrific way to kick-off this new series. My publisher and I are already looking for the next resort where Kary will do his sleuthing."

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Okrant is the author of two additional books: *Judson's Island*, a murder mystery that is set in a fictional community along Maine's coast, and *Sleeping Alongside the Road*, a retrospective on the American motel industry.

In addition to Okrant's position with Plymouth State University, he has coordinated tourism research for the State of New Hampshire since 1990. Among his many achievements, Okrant is past president of the Travel and Tourism Research Association and past president of the New England-St. Lawrence Valley Geographical Society. He was the 1998 recipient of the Association of American Geographers' John Rooney Award, for excellence in applied tourism research. Okrant is also a member of the International Association of Scientific Experts in Tourism

About The Mount Washington Resort

Set at the base of the stunning 6,288-foot Mount Washington and surrounded by 18,000 acres of the White Mountain National Forest, The Mount Washington Resort is a four-season vacation destination for guests of all ages. The Resort offers splendid seasonal activities all year round such as golf, tennis, horseback riding and fly fishing during the summer; and alpine and Nordic skiing and snowboarding, ice climbing and snow tubing, sleigh rides and winter hiking trails during the winter. A new spa and 20,000 additional square-feet of convention space will be opening at the Resort in fall 2008. Guests looking to extend their vacation experience at the Resort may select a vacation home from available slopeside condominiums, golf villas, and two- to five- bedroom townhomes. For more information on the Resort, reservations or real estate offerings, please call 877-873-0626 US/Canada toll free: or 603-278-1000; or visit www.mountwashingtonresort.com.

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