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## Keeping up with the Board of Advisors

**A**s Mayor of Missoula, Montana, Daniel Kemmis was known around the country as someone who was creating a new kind of politics, based on cooperation and local, incremental changes and improvements. He also earned fame as the author of *Community and the Politics of Place* and *The City and The Good Life*.

Today, Kemmis has expanded his scope beyond city limits and is looking at regional politics. In 1996, late in his term, Daniel Kemmis became Director of the Center for the Rocky Mountain West at the University of Montana. The Center is a Western regional studies center working in three areas: humanities and culture, economics, and public policy.

*“Regionalism is an utterly organic phenomenon. It is never possible to tell a place that it is a region; either it is a region inherently or it is not a region at all. As a result, regionalism stands in stark contrast to the command-and-control structures we have placed on the landscape, structures like state and county boundaries by which we attempt to tell places what they are and are not part of.”*

— Daniel Kemmis, “Regionalism and the New Science,”  
The Regionalist, Winter 1997

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