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William A. Barnett Lecture and Book Signing Announced for *Inside the Economist's Mind*

April 10, 2007 (LAWRENCE, KS) – William A. Barnett, Oswald Distinguished Professor of Macroeconomics at the University of Kansas, will present a public lecture and discussion at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at Alderson Auditorium on level 4 of the Kansas Union on the University of Kansas Campus in Lawrence. The presentation will be moderated by Kansas Public Radio broadcaster Kaye McIntyre and will be simulcast to the KU Edwards Campus in Overland Park - Regnier Hall, Room 165. The focus of the program will be the recent book Barnett co-edited with Nobel Laureate Paul A. Samuelson, Professor Emeritus of Economics and Institute Professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A book signing will follow the Alderson presentation, in the Traditions Lounge of the Kansas Union lobby. Samuelson will not be in attendance at the event but has provided signed book plates for the book signing. The event, sponsored by Oread Books, is free and the public is invited.

Inside the Economist's Mind: Conversations with Eminent Economists (Blackwell Publishers) is a collection of 16 interviews with premier economists, including 8 recipients of the Nobel Prize, conducted by their colleagues and friends in the field. Based on an ambitious and long-running project initiated by William A. Barnett as Editor of the journal *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, the book includes introductions by its editors Paul A. Samuelson and William A. Barnett, an essay by prominent economic historian E. Roy Weintraub, and 75 black and white photos. Each interview in the book is preceded by a short biographical sketch of the subject, written by the interviewer. By focusing on the human side as well as the intellectual dimensions of how economists work and think, the collection becomes a startling and lively introduction to the modern world of macroeconomics.

The conversations in the book contain inside revelations such as details about Richard Nixon's presidency by the late Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman, or about Jimmy Carter's presidency by Paul Volcker. Professor Julio Rotemberg, Harvard University Business School, has said "In candid interviews, these great economists prove to be fabulous storytellers of their lives and times. Unendingly gripping for insiders, this book should also help non-specialists understand how economists think." *Inside the Economist's Mind* has been available in the U.S. for only about three months, but is already being translated into Korean, Chinese, Portuguese and Russian, and is receiving international praise. Excerpts from all of the reviews and endorsements available so far are online at: <http://econ.tepper.cmu.edu/barnett/book3praise.html>. The book has its own blog at: <http://economistmind.blogspot.com/>.

William A. Barnett is a leading researcher in macroeconomics and econometrics. He is the Founder and Editor of both the Cambridge University Press journal *Macroeconomic Dynamics* and the Elsevier monograph series *International Symposia in Economic Theory and Econometrics*. He has authored over 130 articles in professional journals and authored or edited 17 books. Barnett is on both lists of potential Nobel Prize winners in economics, one based on longterm publication rates and one based on longterm citations rates.

Paul A. Samuelson was the first American to win the Nobel Prize in Economics. His landmark 1947 book, *Foundations of Economic Analysis*, based on his Ph.D. dissertation at Harvard University, established him as "the economists' economist" by raising the standards of the entire profession. His classic textbook, *Economics*, first published in 1948, is among the most successful textbooks ever published. As one of the profession's most productive scholars for over a half-century, in his early nineties he remains an intellectual force of towering stature.

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